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FAMILY OF ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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OF

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GENEALOGY

OF THE

MERCER-GARNETT FAMILY

OF ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Supposed to be descended from the GARNETTS of
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Page 10, note 6, transpose paragraphs "one" and "two."

Page 18, note 15, line 9, *dele* "in" and read "he."

Page 22, line 6 from bottom, prefix "II." to "I ELIZABETH."

Page 23, line 2, prefix "III." to "I. Muscoe."

Page 28, line 20, add "d. Oct. 9, 1910."

Page 30, line 3 from bottom, read "1836" for "1863."

Page 32, line 16, *dele* ")" after "B. L.," and place ")" after Va.," line 17.

Page 33, line 24, add "d———" after "1872."

Page 35, line 7 from bottom, insert "p. 58" after "Genealogy."

Page 40, line 6 from bottom, insert "(p. 35)" after "Champe."

Page 41, line 6, prefix "no" to "issue," and place period (.) for colon (:) after "issue."

Page 45, line 22, add ")" after "1901."

Page 46, line 12 from bottom, read "Preface" for "Proper."

Page 47, line 4 from bottom, *dele* ")" and "(," leaving but one parenthesis.

Page 48, line 11, read "Perthshire" for "Pertshire."

Page 48, line 7 from bottom, prefix "(" to "See."

Page 49, line 20, read "1808" for "1868."

Page 56, line 4 from bottom, read "Mary" for "Maria," and line 2 from bottom, add "(p. 40)" after "*ante*."

Page 58, line 20, add "p. 35" after "Family."

Page 61, line 12 from bottom, read "Bowling" for "Bowlin."

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HON. JAMES MERCER GARNETT.

An Address by Professor James Mercer Garnett, Delivered at Tappahannock, Essex County, Virginia, June 20, 1898.

Your Honor, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I esteem it a great pleasure and privilege, sir, to present for preservation in this room, where justice is so worthily dispensed by your Honor, the portrait of my grandfather, who, in days long gone, sat in the old courthouse adjoining as a member of that magistrates' court, which reflected the hard common sense of the Virginia country farmer, and did equity between man and man with such sound judgment that it has been esteemed by those competent to judge the best system of county judiciary that the State ever possessed.

It is now more than a half century since he has lain in the grave, but there are some still living in this county, and perhaps within the sound of my voice, who may remember him—a tall, erect, dignified man—as he went in and out among you during the seventy-three years of his long life, for where he lived, there he died and is buried, at "Elmwood" on the Rappahannock, never residing away from home except when he was serving the county or the State at Richmond or Washington.

Permit me then, sir, to read a brief sketch of the life of him whose portrait I entrust to your Honor's keeping.

The Hon. James Mercer Garnett, of "Elmwood," Essex County, Va., was born June 8, 1770, the second child and oldest son of ten children. His father, Muscoe Garnett, of Essex County, was the son of James Garnett and Elizabeth Muscoe, his second wife, the daughter of Captain Salvator Muscoe, and

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he was the only child of that marriage. He was the grandson of John Garnett, of Gloucester, later of Essex, County, supposed to be the first of the family that came from Lancashire, England, to this country, although this is not certain, as the family records do not trace his ancestry further back. Muscoe Garnett, as his father before him, was a large landed proprietor, and built "Elmwood" before the Revolutionary War. During that war he was a member of the Committee of Safety for Essex County, which regulated the military affairs of the county. He, his father, and his son were vestrymen of Vawter's church, built in 1731.[1]

He married, on July 19, 1767, Grace Fenton Mercer, daughter of John Mercer, of "Marlborough," Stafford County, and his second wife, Ann Roy. This John Mercer was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1704, descended from an English family of Cheshire, that had settled in Dublin, and was the first of that family who came to this country. His ancestry is traced back through his father, John Mercer, and mother, Grace Fenton, and his grandfather, Robert Mercer, to his great-grandfather, Noel Mercer, of Chester, England. John Mercer, of "Marlborough," was an eminent lawyer and a very large landed proprietor, and was the author of "Mercer's Abridgment of the Laws of Virginia."[2] A folio volume containing entries of all his landed property, its bounds and limits, when purchased and when sold, entered in his own neat and regular hand, is still preserved, and is in my possession.

James Mercer Garnett was educated at home, receiving the liberal private education customary in Virginia at that time. He married on September 21, 1793, his first cousin, Mary

[1] James Garnett and Salvator Muscoe were Justices of Essex County 1726-1740, and members of the House of Burgesses, the former, 1742-47, the latter, 1734-40. Muscoe Garnett was a member of the committee in Saint Anne's Parish to raise provisions for the poor of Boston, appointed at a meeting held at Tappahannock, July 9, 1774. (See Force's *American Archives*, Vol. I., p. 527, quoted also in a historical address by Henry Wise Garnett, delivered at Occupacia, July 4, 1876).

[2] First edition,, 1737, with additions, 1739; second edition, 1759, a copy of which is owned by myself.

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VAWTER'S CHURCH,
Essex County, Virginia, of which Hon. James Mercer Garnett was a Vestryman. Built 1731.

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Eleanor Dick Mercer, daughter of Judge James Mercer, of Fredericksburg, and his wife Eleanor Dick, daughter of Major Charles Dick, of Scottish parentage and of Revolutionary fame, and sister of Major Alexander Dick. Her sister, Mary Dick, married Sir John Peyton. James Mercer, after whom his nephew was named, was the fifth son and sixth child of the above-mentioned John Mercer, of "Marlborough," and his first wife, Catharine Mason, aunt of the distinguished statesman, George Mason, of Gunston Hall, Fairfax County, who wrote the Declaration of Rights and the first Constitution of Virginia, and is so well known in the early history of the State. James Mercer graduated at William and Mary College, was a member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia 1762-76, of all the Virginia Conventions of the day, and of the Virginia Committee of Safety that governed the State in 1775-76 until the inauguration of Patrick Henry as first Governor, July 1, 1776; he was also a member of the Continental Congress in 1779-80. He was appointed a judge of the General Court in 1780, and a judge of the Court of Appeals of five judges in 1789, in which year he was also appointed one of the revisers of the laws of Virginia.[3] He was the father of General Charles Fenton Mercer, of "Aldie," Loudoun County, who was a member of the Virginia Legislature, 1810-17, except while in military service during the war of 1812; of the United States Congress, 1817-39; of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829-30, and was the first president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company.

The following is a brief record of the official life of James Mercer Garnett as far as it can be traced. He was a member of the Virginia Legislature of 1799-1800, and voted for the adoption of Mr. Madison's report on the resolutions condemning the Alien and Sedition Acts.[4] Mr. Madison, the father of

[3] See my sketch of Judge Mercer, reprinted from the October, 1908, and January, 1909, numbers of the *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*, Vol. XVII., Nos. 2 and 3.

[4] See "The Virginia Report of 1799-1800, etc.," Richmond, J. W. Randolph, 1850, p. 237. The vote was taken in the House of Delegates, of which Mr. Garnett was a member, January 7, 1800.

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the resolutions, consulted often with Colonel John Taylor, of Caroline County, and Mr. Garnett, the intimate friend of Colonel Taylor, frequently participated in those consultations, which were often held in Mr. Garnett's room.

Mr. Garnett represented his district in the Congress of the United States for two terms, 1805-09, when he addressed a letter to his constituents declining a re-election. This letter was much praised by John Randolph, who tried hard to persuade him to offer for a re-election. The friendship between Mr. Garnett and Mr. Randolph lasted through life. In a speech in the United States Senate in 1828, Mr. Randolph refers to Mr. Garnett's services in Congress, and soon afterwards writes: "Our friendship commenced soon after he took his seat in Congress and has continued uninterrupted by a single moment of coolness or alienation during three and twenty years, and very trying times, political and otherwise. I take pride in naming this gentleman among my steady, uniform and unwavering friends. In Congress he never said an unwise thing, or gave a bad vote." (See Bouldin's "Reminiscences of John Randolph," Richmond, 1878. Appendix, p. 289.[5])

An interesting correspondence between Mr. Randolph and Mr. Garnett of some three hundred and forty letters has been preserved, extending from 1806 to 1832, the year before Mr. Randolph's death. The originals of these letters are at "Elmwood," and a copy is in my possession.

In August, 1807, Mr. Garnett served as a member of the grand jury that indicted Aaron Burr, of which jury Mr. Randolph was the foreman. Mr. William Wirt Henry, in his address before the Virginia State Bar Association, August 3, 1897, on "The Trial of Aaron Burr," calls this "the most distinguished grand jury that was ever impaneled." (See *Virginia Law Register,* Vol. III., pages 477-492.)

[5] See also Sawyer's "Biography of John Randolph of Roanoke," (New York, 1844), for other evidences of this friendship. As to the part Mr. Garnett took in the difference between John Randolph and Thomas Mann Randolph, see letter of George W. Randolph in Randall's "Life of Thomas Jefferson," Vol. III., pp. 165-167.

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Mr. Garnett served again in the Virginia Legislature during the session of 1824-25, and was a member of the Convention of 1829-30, called to amend the State Constitution. He opposed some of the changes in the Constitution made by that Convention, and was thus frequently found on the opposite side to his brother-in-law, Hon. Charles Fenton Mercer, who acted as chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, Mr. Madison, the appointed chairman, from his age and infirmities being unable to take a very active part in the work of the Convention. Mr. Garnett, a gentleman of "the old school," thought that greater weight should be given to land-holders in the administration of government, and was opposed to the scheme proposed for the enlargement of the basis of suffrage. His membership of this Convention was his last service in any public capacity.

Permit me to quote a few lines from Hugh Blair Grigsby's address on this Convention—the best account of it that we have—delivered before the Virginia Historical Society, December 15, 1853, and contained in the *Virginia Historical Reporter* for 1854 (Vol. I., pp. 81-83), a very rare pamphlet. It was also published separately by the Society in that year.

Mr. Grigsby says: "Although in the contests of the Convention the lines of division were strictly drawn between the friends and opponents of the old constitution, now that those strifes are past, and most of the active spirits of those exciting times are no more, it may not be inappropriate to class two names together, which, though never on the same side of the perpetually recurring call of the roll, were bound by the cords of Christian affection and were united in the support of all the religious and humane schemes which honored the age in which they lived—James Mercer Garnett and William Harrison Fitzhugh. Garnett was by many years the elder of the two, and may be said to have closed his political life twenty years before the assembling of the Convention and before that of Fitzhugh had begun. He had been a member of the House of Delegates and was a member of the House of Representatives during the entire second term of Mr. Jefferson's administra-

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tion; and though rarely engaged in prolonged debate, was an efficient coadjutor of the party at the head of which was Mr. Randolph, which opposed the policy of that statesman. Thenceforth he almost renounced public life, and devoted his time to agriculture, education, and religion, three great interests which then required all his fostering care. He was not far from sixty, but retained in his gait the elasticity and erectness of a young man. He did not make a formal speech during the session, but watched the progress of events with the strictest attention, and some one present may remember how distinctly his sonorous voice was heard above all others at the call of the ayes and nays, and was recognized at once. He was full of life and delighted in society, of which his polished manners, his humor deepening at times into a caustic wit, and his large historical recollections made him a brilliant ornament. If John Randolph excited the mirth of the Convention at the expense of Mr. Jefferson's 'mould-boards of the least possible resistance,' Garnett brought forth roars of laughter in private circles at Mr. Madison's scheme of hitching the bison to the plough. It was in the social gathering that the artillery of his political party was brought to bear with the most decided success; and many a young politician, who would have taken the alarm at an allusion to the embargo or the war, sunk under the raillery played against the philosopher and the farmer."

Mr. Garnett was a man of high education, as his writings show, and he wrote much for newspapers and periodicals, discussing questions of education, agriculture, politics, and literature, the two first by preference, for he was prominent in all movements for the advancement of education and agriculture. His style was remarkably pure and forcible. He was a strong advocate of free trade and wrote much in favor of it, having at one time had a controversy on the tariff with Mr. Matthew Carey, of Philadelphia. This correspondence was conducted in *The Spirit of Seventy-Six*, a paper published in Georgetown about 1811. Mr. Garnett wrote under the signature of "Cornplanter," with which title many of Mr. Randolph's letters to

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Mr. Garnett begin. Mr. Randolph wrote also for this paper under the signature of "Matt Bramble," and it may be mentioned that in a letter to Mr. Garnett, written in 1811, Judge Henry St. George Tucker, Mr. Randolph's half-brother, expresses the opinion that "Cornplanter" and "Matt Bramble" are one and the same person, crediting to Mr. Garnett Mr. Randolph's articles.

In 1820 Mr. Carey published "Three Letters on the present calamitous state of affairs, addressed to J. M. Garnett, Esq., President of the 'Fredericksburg Agricultural Society,'" strongly advocating protection for American manufactures.

Of the society just named Mr. Garnett was President for twenty years and delivered to it annual addresses. He was a founder of the Virginia State Agricultural Society, and it is stated in Lippincott's and in Appleton's Biographical Dictionaries that he was one of the principal founders and the first President of the United States Agricultural Society, but the correctness of this statement I cannot verify.

Besides the paper above-mentioned Mr. Garnett wrote also for the *Argus*, the *Richmond Enquirer*, *The National Intelligencer*, and other newspapers, and for the *Southern Literary Messenger*, often under the signature "Oliver Old School," *Ruffin's Farmer's Register*, and later in life for Judge Bird's *Albany Cultivator*. He delivered many lectures on agriculture and education in other States as well as in Virginia.

Mr. Garnett was a member of an Anti-tariff Convention that assembled in Baltimore in 1821, and was appointed to write an address which was published in Skinner's *American Farmer*. He was also a member of another Anti-tariff Convention held in Philadelphia in 1831. This Convention addressed a memorial to Congress that was written by Thomas R. Dew, President of William and Mary College. There were fifteen States represented in it, among them Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and other Northern as well as Southern States.

Mr. Garnett's interest in the promotion of agriculture was very great, and his exertions for that object commenced early

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in life and continued to old age, even to the detriment of his own interests.

Charles Carter Lee (brother of General Robert E. Lee), in his poem, "Virginia Georgics," has a humorous couplet to the effect that, while Garnett lectured on agriculture, his neighbor Waring ploughed his corn.[6]

The full title of this rare volume is as follows: "Virginia Georgics,[8] written for the Hole and Corner Club of Powhatan. By Charles Carter Lee, one of its members, and published by the Club, Richmond, 1858."

Mr. Garnett's annual addresses to the Agricultural Society of Fredericksburg were attended by both ladies and gentlemen, and he succeeded in making these addresses very popular. With great personal effort, in which he was assisted by his friend, Colonel John Taylor, of Caroline County, the "Arator" of literature, he founded the Virginia State Agricultural Society, to which also he delivered annual addresses. His high moral character and decided ability gave him great influence with all to whom he became known. This was shown in a

[6] "It was said of that accomplished gentleman, James M. Garnett, that he was a better agriculturist in theory than in practice, and that his neighbor, Mr. Waring, perceiving his cornfield to be very grassy, had it worked out nicely for him, saying he did not like to see Mr. Garnett's farm suffer while he was laboring in behalf of the farming interest of the whole State. And certainly the State is much indebted to Mr. Garnett for the impulse he gave to Agricultural Studies," *Virginia Georgics*, p. 10.

The following is the couplet referred to, and the accompanying note:

> "The evil became so glaring that a note
> Of warning roused the land. Arator[7] wrote
> His stirring numbers, Garnett lectured on
> The way to farm, while Waring worked his corn." [8]

[7] Col. John Taylor, of Caroline County, Va.

[8] A copy of this poem was formerly in the Library of the University of Virginia, but it was destroyed in the fire of October 27, 1895. I am indebted to my friend and former pupil, Dr. Edmund J. Lee, of Philadelphia, for the loan of a copy from which this extract was made.

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marked manner in the case of his poorer neighbors, for whose welfare he specially interested himself. About 1812 he built a log-house on his own land and established a Sunday-school in it, which was at first taught solely by himself and the members of his family, and subsequently neighbors and persons educated in the school gave assistance.

The house was twice enlarged and the number of scholars sometimes reached two hundred, some of whom came from a distance of fifteen or twenty miles, and not a few owed their entire education to this school. Mr. Garnett was a true Christian from an early age, and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Bible and the Book of Common Prayer were used in the school; and Mr. Garnett often wrote special prayers for use in it, some of which have been preserved. After school he would read some moral or religious story, and at regular periods would deliver addresses to the school, which were largely attended by persons other than scholars. The moral and religious influence of this Sunday-school was very great, and may be traced to this day.[9]

During the four years of his service in Congress, Mr. Garnett formed many warm friendships. Among the closest and most lasting were those with John Randolph, of Virginia, Richard Stanford and Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina, and Edward Lloyd and Francis S. Key, of Maryland, all of whom were his colleagues. These gentlemen called themselves Republicans, in distinction from the Federalists of the day, but they were also known as "The Third Party," as they frequently opposed measures of the regular administration Republicans, and they were particularly noted as strong State-rights men. As is well known, the Democratic party of the present day is the successor of the old Republican party. Mr. Garnett kept up a constant correspondence with these gentle-

[9] It may be mentioned, as an evidence that the memory of this school is still preserved in Essex county, that, at the conclusion of this address, a gentleman stated to the writer that he had in his possession a Bible which was given to his mother by Mr. Garnett when she was an attendant at the school.

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men, especially with John Randolph and Richard Stanford, and he survived all of his friends above-mentioned. While the Randolph correspondence has been preserved, the letters of Stanford have been lost, which is much to be regretted, as they were full of talent and rich humor.

Although Mr. Garnett inherited a considerable amount of property, he became in advanced age somewhat embarrassed in his circumstances, owing chiefly to his profuse hospitality and personal benevolence.

As a means of partial relief he opened a school for young ladies at his residence, "Elmwood," about the year 1822. With the exception of the teachers of drawing and music, this school was taught exclusively by his wife and daughters, who were eminently qualified for such a task, as they possessed a high order of talent and a thorough education. Mrs. Garnett was a lady of remarkable mental powers, of high cultivation, and of a character that secured the love and admiration of all who knew her. Mr. Garnett's duties in connection with the school were the holding of daily family prayers, morning and evening, and the correction and criticism of the English compositions. But his most serious work was the writing and delivery of lectures to the school once in each quarter.

These lectures on Female Education were published in 1824 and 1825, and rapidly went through four editions.[10]

Did time permit, it would be interesting to quote from the "Gossip's Manual, or Maxims of Conversation and Conduct adapted to both Sexes and all ages beyond childhood," which

[10] I am the possessor of a copy of the second edition of the lectures (Richmond, 1824), embellished with a portrait in water colors of Mr. Garnett, drawn by his cousin, Miss Margaret Mercer (daughter of Governor John Francis Mercer, of Maryland), who herself for many years had a school for young ladies at Belmont, near Leesburg, in Loudoun county, Virginia. I possess also copies of the first, second, third and fourth editions, and there is a copy of the fourth edition, a reprint of the third, in the Library of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore.

A copy of the fourth edition was recently presented to the writer by a friend who purchased it in Caracas, South America.

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is prefixed to the lectures, as illustrating Mr. Garnett's humor and the quaint manners of the time.

These lectures were published in a volume of "Lectures on various topics of morals, manners, conduct, and intellectual improvement, addressed to Mrs. Garnett's pupils at 'Elmwood,' Essex County, Va., 1825-6," whose object is shown by their title.

Moral and religious education was carried on in this school *pari passu* with mental training, and resulted in a great success.

The scholars, without exception as far as is known, became personally attached to the family, and one (the late Charles F. M. Garnett, son of James M. Garnett, a distinguished civil engineer, to whose reminiscences of his father this address is much indebted), who knew them all well, and met with many in after life, testifies that he never saw or heard of one of these scholars who did not become a religious and useful woman and an ornament to society. Notwithstanding the scant means of communication in that day the school was attended by pupils from other States and often reached fifty in number.

The school for young ladies was kept up for eight years, when, owing to Mrs. Garnett's ill health, it was closed, and a school for boys was opened, one object of which was the education of Mr. Garnett's grandson, Muscoe R. H. Garnett, the only child of Mr. Garnett's eldest son, James Mercer Garnett, Jr., who married, in 1820, his first cousin, Maria Hunter, sister of the late Hon. Robert M. T. Hunter, distinguished as a statesman in the U. S. House of Representatives and Senate, and in the C. S. Senate, and who served for a time as Secretary of State of the Confederate States.

Muscoe R. H. Garnett was born on July 25, 1821, was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1850, of the State Legislature, of the Virginia Convention of 1861, of the U. S. Congress from 1857 to 1861, and of the C. S. Congress from 1861 until his death in February, 1864. His pamphlet on "The Union, Past and Future; how it works and how to save it; by a Citizen of Virginia," written in 1850, created great interest, and took a prominent place in the political con-

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troversies of that day. He was cut off in the prime of life and usefulness.[11]

Teachers were employed to conduct this boys' school at "Elmwood," and Mr. Garnett took the same part in it that he had taken in the girls' school. In 1830 he delivered to the boys a series of four lectures, containing, as he writes in the dedication, "the result of my most deliberate reflections and mature conviction relative to the nature and obligation of the great leading principles which should regulate your conduct and form your characters."

These lectures were published in that year as a "Token of Regard, presented to the pupils of the 'Elmwood' School by their friend, James M. Garnett." The copyright of all of his lectures to both schools was given by Mr. Garnett to the publisher, Thomas W. White, then publisher and proprietor of the *Southern Literary Messenger*, the only condition being that the publisher supply a certain number of copies for gratuitous distribution to the pupils and other persons. The lectures, especially those addressed to young ladies, had a wide circulation and were highly valued.

Just before the meeting of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829, Mr. Garnett compiled and issued a volume of "Constitutional Charts, or comparative views of the legislative, executive and judiciary departments, in the Constitutions of all the States in the Union, including that of the United States," with a dedication to the people of Virginia, and intended as a guide for the use of members of the Convention.

It would be out of place on this occasion to give any detailed account of Mr. Garnett's various addresses and of his contributions to newspapers and periodicals.[12] These last were

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[11] See my sketch of his life, reprinted from the July and October numbers, 1909, of the *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine* (Vol. XVIII., Nos. 1 and 2). The reprint contains extracts from his writings in the Appendix.

[12] I possess copies of the following:

Sunday-school Addresses [three], delivered in the County of Essex, Virginia, 1820 and 1821.

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very numerous and over various signatures, were begun early in life and continued for forty years or more, and many of them had decided influence at the time. Perhaps the last of his public addresses was one on "Popular Education," delivered to an educational convention which assembled in Richmond on December 9, 1841, and published by request of the convention in the *Southern Literary Messenger* for February, 1842. In this address Mr. Garnett discussed the importance of popular education, its neglect in Virginia, the effects of education upon crime, with statistics, and especially the importance of religious instruction in the school-room. Although the *Messenger* had adopted for some years a rule discontinuing the publication of lectures and addresses, it was relaxed in this case, as the editor says, owing to "the importance of the subject and the ability with which the sound views and just opinions of the orator were illustrated and enforced."

Mr. Garnett died at his residence on April 23, 1843, having attained the age of nearly seventy-three years, and he is buried in the family cemetery at "Elmwood." [18] A brief notice of his

A Discourse on Scholastic Reforms, delivered before the Fredericksburg Lyceum, September 28, 1832, by James M. Garnett, Richmond, 1833.

Lecture delivered before the Richmond Lyceum, on the 13th of May, 1839, by James M. Garnett, Esq., Richmond, 1839. Printed in *The Virginia Lyceum*, Vol. I., No. 3, June, 1839.

Address to the members of the Agricultural Society of Fredericksburg, on its twentieth anniversary, by James M. Garnett, November, 1837. (Reprinted in *Virginia Farm and Home*, Fredericksburg, Va., September 24, 1887.)

An address delivered before the Agricultural Society of Newcastle county, Delaware, at the annual cattle-show, held September 14th and 15th, 1842, by the Hon. James M. Garnett, of Virginia. Wilmington, Del., 1842.

Popular Education. Address of James M. Garnett, Esq., delivered before the Education Convention assembled in Richmond, Va., on the 9th of December, 1841. Printed in the *Southern Literary Messenger* for February, 1842, Vol. VIII., No. 2, Richmond, Va., 1842.

[18] A monument was erected to his memory, and an epitaph written by his youngest son, Theodore S. Garnett, which closed with the statement that he was "a firm Republican."

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death in the *American Almanac* for 1844, after stating the public positions held by him, continues: "But Mr. Garnett's greenest laurels were won in the cause of education and agriculture, to which he was ardently devoted to the close of his life. For more than twenty years he presided over the Agricultural Society of Fredericksburg, always assiduous in the discharge of his duty and never flagging, even when his fellow-laborers were in despair. His addresses were characterized by a zealous devotion to the interests, morals, education, and the improvement in agriculture, not of the people of Virginia only, but of the whole Union. He was happy in his powers of conversation, cheerful amidst adversity and affliction, and died a sincere Christian."

Mr. Garnett was a man of imposing presence, tall and well-proportioned, and of great dignity of carriage and manner, even approaching stiffness, but accompanied with great gentleness of disposition, shown especially in his fondness for children. He was a man of the most scrupulous honor and integrity, and his conduct through life was ever ruled by the principles of the Christian religion.

The late Hon. B. Johnson Barbour, who attended the boys' school at "Elmwood" in 1829, being a schoolmate there of Muscoe R. H. Garnett, wrote in 1885 some reminiscences of his school-days. He says:

"Mr. Garnett's presence was very imposing, tall, well-proportioned, with a fine eye, a full head of gray hair neatly brought together at the back in a queue, which was the more striking from the fact that that style of dressing the hair had nearly gone out of vogue." Mr. Barbour says of Mrs. Garnett: "I cannot forbear from paying a deserved tribute to Mrs. Garnett. I still cherish her memory with love and gratitude. During my whole stay at 'Elmwood' she was indeed a mother to me, chiding me gently when in fault, encouraging me in every way to press forward, calling me to her chamber to read a portion of the Scriptures, and afterwards whatever there might be of interest in the newspapers." He adds of "Elmwood": "I need not attempt any description of 'Elmwood.' I

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will only say that it has suggested some of the fine old English houses to me, and for years after I lived there, when I would be reading an English novel, 'Elmwood' with its fine hall, its library and parlor, its corridors and general spaciousness, would rise up before me." [14]

Mr. Barbour gives an interesting account of the school, and particularly pays a warm tribute to his friend and schoolmate, M. R. H. Garnett.

This sketch may fitly close with the following statement of the late Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, Mr. Garnett's nephew, who wrote of him in 1884:

"I have a very distinct conception, not only of his character, but of the nature of the influence which he exerted upon society. I think I may say that his character was a matter of history in Virginia tradition, for no man was known or beloved by a wider or more important circle of friends in Virginia at the time of his death, than James M. Garnett, and none had a more distinct individuality of character in their opinion. Did any great question suddenly arise in American politics, no man of those who knew him, and he was known to many, doubted where he would be found, and the same may be said of questions of social progress or ethical importance.

"Mr. Garnett was a Virginia gentleman, a Christian philosopher, a cultivated scholar, owning a well-selected library, which was unusually large for a private individual. He possessed keen powers of observation, exercised over a large circle of acquaintances, a rich turn for humor and rare powers of description and conversation. He knew how to amuse as well as to instruct, making himself agreeable to old and young.

"To the last day of a long life he retained these powers, and in my frequent visits to his home I never failed to derive pleasure and instruction from his conversation. It must be remembered that he was a close observer of all classes of

[14] A description of "Elmwood" will be found in my sketch of Hon. Muscoe R. H. Garnett.

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society, for he mingled with them all. He was a lover of mankind."

I have thus endeavored, sir, very inadequately to portray the moral and intellectual features of my revered ancestor, of whom I have no recollection save an indistinct memory of his personal appearance, and to pay even this small tribute to his memory. I hope that I have been able to bring his picture, even though but a partial one, before the sons of his neighbors and friends, by whom he was so highly esteemed and honored, and to adduce some reasons why his portrait should occupy the prominent position which you have assigned to it. I trust, sir, that others may be led by your example in forming this collection of portraits, to revere the Virginians of the olden time, than whom no nobler race of men has existed on this earth.[15]

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[15] See Tyler's *Letters and Times of the Tylers*, Vol. I, p. 508, for the officers of the Virginia Colonization Society for 1838, of which Society Hon. James Mercer Garnett and his brother-in-law, Hon. Charles Fenton Mercer were then Vice-Presidents. Hon. John Tyler was the President of the Society in succession to Chief Justice Marshall. President Madison had also been an officer of the Society. The agitation of the abolitionists, however, broke up the Society in Virginia.

Mr. Garnett was for many years a vestryman of Vawter's Church, St. Anne's Parish, Essex county, Virginia, which infrequently represented in the Diocesan Conventions. He also represented the Diocese in the General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church. (See Journals of Virginia Conventions appended to Dr. Hawks's *Contributions to the Ecclesiastical History of the United States of America*, I, New York, 1836).

The writer is indebted to the *Southern Churchman Company* for the cut of Vawter's Church prefixed to this sketch. The portrait of Mr. Garnett was painted by Jarvis, and that of Mrs. Garnett, by Fairfax.

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GENEALOGY OF THE

MERCER-GARNETT FAMILY.

There are many branches of the GARNETT family of Virginia, and it is not believed to be possible to trace the connection between them. This genealogy is limited to that branch which intermarried with the MERCERS of Stafford County, Virginia, namely, the descendants of MUSCOE GARNETT, of Essex County, Virginia, who married GRACE FENTON MERCER, of Stafford County, Virginia, July 9, 1767, and it is based on family Bibles, wills, and other authentic records. Muscoe Garnett's ancestors are given as far as known; Grace Fenton Mercer's ancestors are given in the MERCER genealogy contributed by the writer of this to the Baltimore *Sun* of September 17 and 24, 1905, and below. (See *post*, p. 42.)

[Roman numerals denote the generations.]

I. JOHN GARNETT, immigrant, of Gloucester County, later of Essex County, Virginia, married Anne ———. His will was proved in Essex County Court, March 11, 1713. His name appears as witness to a bond dated December 8, 1703. Issue:

II. 1. JAMES.
2. John.
3. Anthony, removed to Spotsylvania, later Orange, County, Virginia. He was vestryman, church warden, and lay reader of St. Mark's Parish from 1758 (See Rev. Dr. Slaughter's "History of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper," p. 12.)

II. 1. JAMES, b. Jan. 17, 1692 (the year in which Essex County was set off from Rappahannock County), d. May 27, 1765, m. *first*, Sarah Green; issue:

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III. 1. John, b. Sept. 27, 1717, d. Feb. 15, 1746, m. Elizabeth Evans; issue:

IV. 1. Francis, d. by 1791,.

2. Henry, m. Margaret ———.

3. Augustine, d. by 1797, m. ———; issue:

V. 1. Robert, m. Lucy ———.

2. Austin, m. Elizabeth ———.

JAMES GARNETT and Sarah Green had issue further:

III. 2. James, b. Oct. 5, 1719, d. Feb. 23, 1745.

3. Milly, b. Aug. 23, 1721, d. ———.

4. Thomas, b. Jan. 19, 1723, d. March 11, 1738.

5. William, b. July 11, 1727, d. Feb. 21, 1759, m. Ann Rowzee, June 29, 1751; issue:

IV. 1. Sarah, m. William Hunter (descended from the Hunters of Hunterston, Ayrshire, Scotland,),Aug. 15, 1771; issue:

V. 1. William Garnett, b. Jan. 12, 1773.

2. James, b. March 14, 1774, d. Feb. —, 1826, m. *first,* Maria Garnett, Sept. 21, 1796, daughter of MUSCOE GARNETT and GRACE FENTON MERCER.

[Issue given below.]

3. Taliaferro, b. July 26, 1776, d. ——, m. Elizabeth Mary Lomax (daughter of Hon. John Tayloe Lomax, lawyer, and Ann Corbin Tayloe, of "Mt. Airy,"); issue:

VI. 1. Sarah Ann, died young.

2. Thomas Lomax (M. D.), m. Maria Tennent, d. ———; issue:

VII. 1. Frederick Campbell Stuart, d., m. Rose Turner; issue:

VIII. 1. Thomas Lomax.

2. Carolina.

3. Frederick Campbell Stuart, m. Page Walker Morris, June 20, 1910, in Washington, D. C.

4. Susan Turner.

VII. 2. Sarah Ann, d,; 3. Annie Campbell, 4. Thomas Lomax (M. D.), d., 5. Edward Lloyd, d., 6. James William, d.

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CAPT. JAMES MERCER GARNETT,
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JAMES MERCER GARNETT, SR.,
1871.

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VII. 7. Susan Tennent, m. Ogle Tayloe, d.; issue:
VIII. 1. George.
VII. 8. Henry Herbert.
VI. 3. Taliaferro, d., m. Lucy Ann Tennent, d.; issue:
VII. 1. Taliaferro, d.
2. Annie Stuart.
3. Ferdinand Stuart, d.
4. Ralph Lomax, d.
5. Lucy Tennent, d.
6. Maria Garnett, d.
7. Susan Mayo, d.
VI. 4. James, d., m. Ellen Douglas Morris, d.; issue:
VII. 1. Charles Morris (M. D.), d., m. Lucy Balmaine Pearce, d.; issue:
VIII. 1. James Gordon, d.
2. Charles Morris.
3. Hardinia Tayloe ("Deeny").
4. Lloyd Chamberlaine, d.
5. Wilhams Pearce, d.
6. Lunsford Lomax.
VII. 2. Martha Taliaferro, d.
3. Elizabeth Lomax, d.
4. James, d., m. Florence Coleman; issue:
VIII. 1. Charlotte Pegues, d.
2. Morris.
3. James Lomax.
4. Ellen Douglas.
5. Florence Coleman.
VII. 5. Taliaferro, d., m. Zaidee Coleman, d.; issue:
VIII. 1. Taliaferro.
2. John Page.
3. James.
4. Claude Pegues.
5. Thomas Lunsford.
VII. 6. Ellen Douglas, unm.
7. Morris, d.
8. Emily Mary, unm.

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VI. 5. Mann Page, d. unm.

V. 4. Martha Taliaferro, b. Feb. 22, 1778, d. Apr. 11, 1840, unm.

5. Muscoe Garnett, b. April 7, 1779, d. June 30, 1818, m. July 3, 1813, Grace Fenton Garnett, daughter of MUSCOE GARNETT and GRACE FENTON MERCER; issue:

VI. 1. Edgar Malcolm, b. May 30, 1814, d. May 23, 1819.

2. Henry Algernon, b. Dec. 26, 1815, d. July 14, 1816.

3. Grace Fenton, b. Aug. 4, 1817, d. ——, 1840.

V. 6. Henry Garnett, b. Feb. 25, 1783, d.

IV. 2. Mildred (daughter of William Garnett and Ann Rowzee), m. William Jackson; issue:

V. 1. Nancy, m. ——— Hackley.

2. Mildred, m. ——— Morton.

IV. 3. Anne, d. Sept. 9, ——.

JAMES GARNETT and Sarah Green had issue further:

III. 6. Reuben, b. June 15, 1729, d. Oct. 7, 1749.

7. Robert, b. May 20, 1732, d.

II. 1. JAMES GARNETT, m. *second*, ELIZABETH MUSCOE, b. ———, d. Aug. 23, 1736, daughter of Salvator Muscoe, lawyer, living in Essex Co., Va., in 1702 (son of Salvator Muscoe, stonecarver, Monmouth St., St. Giles-in-the-fields, London), b. Dec. 28, 1674, d.———, 1741; will proved June 16, 1741; m. Mary ———. Col. Wm. Beverley is named as executor of his will (see *William and Mary College Quarterly*, XIII., 4, April, 1905, pp. 262-3), burgess 1734-36, '38, '40, Justice of Essex County, 1720-40 (see *Bp. Meade's "Old Churches,"* etc.); issue:

1. ELIZABETH.
2. Mary.
3. Frances.
4. Tabitha.
5. Sarah, m. Philip Edwards Jones.
6. Jane.

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3. Frances Muscoe, m. John Livingstone; issue:
1. Muscoe.
2. John.

Issue of JAMES GARNETT and ELIZABETH MUSCOE:

III. 8. MUSCOE, b. Aug. 17, 1736, d. Jan. —, 1803, baptized by Rev. Robert Rose, minister of St. Anne's Parish, Essex Co., Va., [see Bishop Meade's "Old Churches," etc., Vol. I., pp. 396ff.] m. July 9, 1767, GRACE FENTON MERCER (daughter of John Mercer, of Marlborough, Stafford Co., Va., and Anne Roy, his second wife), b. Feb. 20, 1751, d. June 4, 1814.

[See MERCER genealogy in Baltimore *Sun*, Sept. 17 and 24, 1905 and *post*, p. 42.]

Extract from letter of John Mercer of Marlboro', Stafford County, Va., to his son George Mercer, then in England, relating to the marriage of his daughter, GRACE FENTON to MUSCOE GARNETT, of Essex County, Va., written about Christmas, 1767:

"My youngest daughter (who is christened Mary Elinor Beatrix, after two dead, and one living aunts,) was born the 20th day of last January, so that I have still six young children to provide for. Your sister Fenton has got a better person to take that care off my hands. She got the start of you, being married the 9th day of July last to Mr. Muscoe Garnett, of Essex County, a match every way so agreeable to me that I solemnly declare I don't know one that could have offered in Virginia or Maryland that I should have preferred before it, and though she then seemed indifferent, I am very much mistaken if she is not now as well pleased with it as I am. He is in possession of a very large fortune, of an agreeable person, good-natured, sober, industrious, well acquainted with his plantation affairs, and I think I may well venture to affirm entirely clear of every modish vice."

(This letter is the property of William R. Mercer, of Doylestown, Pa.)

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Issue of MUSCOE GARNETT and GRACE FENTON MERCER:

IV. 1. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 25, 1768, d. Aug. 25, 1769.
2. JAMES MERCER, b. June 8, 1770, d. April 23, 1843, m. Sept. 21, 1793, MARY ELEANOR DICK MERCER, b. Oct. 4, 1774, d. April 11, 1837 (his half first cousin, and daughter of Judge JAMES MERCER, of the Court of Appeals of Va.); [Issue given below.]
3. Anne, b. Jan. 5, 1773, d. July 17, 1783.
4. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 6, 1775, d. Sept. 25, 1776.
5. Maria, b. July 22, 1777, d. Aug. 14, 1811; m. Sept. 21, 1796, James Hunter, who d. Feb. —, 1826. [Issue given below.]
6. Grace Fenton, b. Oct. 20, 1779, d. Oct. 4, 1846; m. July 3, 1813, Muscoe Garnett Hunter, who d. June 30, 1818. [Issue given below.]
7. John Mercer, b. Mar. 24, 1783, d. April 3, 1856, unm.
8. and
9. Muscoe and William, b. July 12, 1786. [See below.]
10. Robert Selden, b. April 26, 1789, d. Aug. 15, 1840. [See below.]

II. 1. James Garnett, m. *third,* July 19, 1740, Mary Jones, widow of Capt. Thomas Jones, and daughter of Capt. Edward Rowzee (Capt. Jones died Jan. 11, 1738-39); issue:

III. 9. Catherine.
10. Augustine.
11. Elizabeth, b. June 20, 1744.
12. James, b. April 25, 1747, d. Oct. 1780; m. Judith Neale; issue:

IV. 1. Molly, b. ———, d. Oct. —, 1790.

III. 13. Betty, b. June 6, 1750, m. John Taliaferro of Hayes; issue:

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MRS. JAMES MERCER GARNETT,
(Kate H. Noland), 1871.

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PROF. JAMES MERCER GARNETT,
1896.

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IV. 1. James Garnett.
2. John.
3. Lucy.
IV. 1. James Garnett Taliaferro, m. ——— Wishart; issue:
V. 1. John.
2. Lawrence.
3. James Garnett.
4. James Monroe.
5. Hay.
6. Muscoe.
IV. 2. John Taliaferro m. Lucy Thornton Hooe; issue:
V. 1. John Seymour.
2. Elizabeth Anne Seymour.
V. 1. John Seymour Taliaferro m. Lucy Maria Barbour; issue:
VI. 1. Lucy Maria.
2. Frances Cornelia.
3. James Barbour.
4. Ann Burd.
5. Sarah Lindsay, b. Sept. 22, 1829; m. Wm. S. Waters, July 21, 1863; issue:
VII. 1. J. Seymour Taliaferro, b. Aug. 7, 1864; m. Nov. 14, 1894, Mary Irwin Donaldson, dau. of Dr. Francis Donaldson and Elizabeth Winchester; issue:
VIII. 1. Lindsay Taliaferro, b. Dec. 13, 1895.
2. Elizabeth Winchester, b. Oct. 26, 1897.
VII. 2. Lucy Maria Barbour, b. Dec. 17, 1867; m. Sept. 6, 1892, Charles Frederick Penniman; issue:
VIII. 1. Wm. Waters (called Charles Frederick) b. July 14, 1893.
II. 1. James Garnett, m. *fourth,* Margaret Scott; no issue.

James Garnett was member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1742-47 (Stanard's *Colonial Virginia Register*), and Justice of Essex County, 1720-40 (Bp. Meade's *Old Churches and Families of Virginia,* I., 405). He was a large landed proprietor. (See also *Journals of the House of Bur-*

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gesses of Virginia, 1742-1747, Richmond, Va., MCMIX.)

Issue of IV. 2. JAMES MERCER GARNETT—member of Virginia Legislature, member of Congress, 1805-09, member of Virginia Convention of 1829-30, and Visitor of William and Mary College, 1824—and MARY ELEANOR DICK MERCER. (See my sketch of HON. JAMES MERCER GARNETT and Lamb's *Biog. Dictionary.*)

V. 1. James Mercer, Jr., b. Oct. 30, 1794, d. July 14, 1824, m. March 7, 1820, his first cousin, Maria Hunter; issue:

VI. 1. Muscoe Russell Hunter—U. S. and C. S. M. C. (see my sketch of him and Lamb's *Biog. Dictionary*), b. July 25, 1821, d. Feb. 14, 1864, m. July 26, 1860, Mary Picton Stevens (b. May 19, 1840, d. Sept. 21, 1903); (she m. *second,* Edward P. C. Lewis, June 1, 1869; issue: four children); issue:

(Hon. M. R. H. Garnett was a prominent alumnus of the University of Virginia and a member of its Board of Visitors 1855-1859.)

VII. 1. James Mercer, b. July 7, 1861, m. May 26, 1896, Mary Virginia Teatom, d. March 24, 1908; issue:

VIII. 1. Mary Barton, b. Jan. 11, 1898.
2. Muscoe Russell Hunter, b. April 11, 1899.
3. Virginia, b. Nov. 8, 1906.

VII. 2. Mary Barton Picton, b. May 28, 1863.

V. 2. Ann, b. Aug. 15, 1797, d. Oct. 3, 1835, unm.
3. Albert Roy, b. Feb. 28, 1800, d. Feb. 23, 1852, unm.
4. Mary Eleanor, b. June 30, 1802, d. Mar. —, 1822, m. May —, 1821, Robert Payne Waring; no issue.
5. Grace Fenton, b. Apr. 15, 1805, d. Aug. 15, 1826, unm.
6. Maria, b. June 12, 1808, d. Sept. 1, 1841, m. Oct. 8, 1827, the Rev. John Peyton McGuire, who died March 26, 1869; issue:

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VI. 1. William Henry, b. ———, 1828, d. ———, 1829.
2. Mary Eleanor Mercer, b. June 1, 1831, m. Sept. 11, 1861, John Johns, son of the Rt. Rev. John Johns, Bishop of Virginia; issue:
VII. 1. John, b. July 23, 1864, m. Jan. 15, 1901, Julia Peyton; no issue.
2. Maria Mercer, b. March 11, 1870, m. Feb. 13, 1893, Julian James Gibbons McShane (who died Dec. 10, 1906); issue:
VIII. 1. Catherine Johns, b. Dec. 23, 1896.
2. Julian J. G., b. Aug. 5, 1902.
3. Arthur Johns, b. July 31, 1904.
VII. 3. Arthur, b. Oct. 4, 1871, m. *first,* June 24, 1902, Caroline S. Green, who died Nov. 29, 1903; no issue.
m. *second,* Jan. 6. 1910, Margaret Thompson Johnson (who m. *first,* ——— Brown).
VI. 3. James Mercer Garnett, b. April 20, 1833, d. Jan. 24, 1903, m. *first,* Feb. 26, 1864, Bettie Holmes McGuire (daughter of Dr. Wm. D. McGuire), d. May 3, 1874; issue:
VII. 1. William D., b. Dec. 16, 1865, d. March 24, 1866.
2. Maria Garnett, b. March 11, 1867, m. Dec. —, 1902, Wm. Travers Lewis; issue:
VIII. 1. Wm. Travers, b. July 20, 1904, d. Aug. 4, 1904.
VII. 3. James Mercer Garnett, b. Sept. 20, 1868, d. July 3, 1875.
4. John Peyton, b. Nov. 25, 1869, d. June 16, 1890, by drowning in New River, West Virginia.
5. Charles Fenton, b. Mar. 18, 1871, m. April 12, 1906, Margaretta McCormick, daughter of Marshall McCormick; issue:
VIII. 1. Charles Fenton, Jr., b. Aug. 10, 1907.
VII. 6. William D., b. Jan. 17, 1873, d. Oct. 30, 1877.
VI. 3. Dr. J. M. G. McGuire, m. *second,* April 30, 1884, Mrs. Elizabeth Britton, (*née* Ware); no issue.
VI. 4. Ann Susan, b. Dec. —, 1835, d. Dec. —, 1835.
Rev. John Peyton McGuire, m. *second,* Judith W. Brockenbrough, Nov. 25, 1846, daughter of Judge

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William Brockenbrough; she died March 21, 1899, aged 84 years and 2 days; no issue; both are buried in Tappahannock, Va.

VI. 5. John Peyton, Jr., b. Sept. 30, 1836, d. April 29, 1906, m. *first,* July 10, 1860, Clara F. Mason (daughter of Capt. Murray Mason, U. S. N. and C. S. N.), who died Nov. 7, 1877; issue:

VII. 1. John Peyton, b. Dec. 21, 1866, m. Julia Richie Morris Graves; issue:

VIII. 1. Richie Graves, b. Dec. 4, 1901.

2. John Peyton, b. July 13, 1904.

VII. 2. Clara Forsyth, b. Aug. 19, 1869, m. Jan. 22, 1891, Rev. Claudius F. Smith; issue:

VIII. 1. Peyton McGuire, b. Nov. 26, 1891.

2. Edward Nelson, b. Mar. 31, 1895.

3. Clara Mason, b. Jan. 11, 1898.

4. Rose Morris, b. Nov. 20, 1900.

VII. 3. Murray Mason, b. Jan. 19, 1872, m. Jan. 14, 1894, Mary Van Benthuysen; issue:

VIII. 1. Murray Mason, b. Sept. 30, 1904.

VI. 5: John Peyton McGuire, Jr., m. *second,* June 29, 1883, Susan Rose Morris; no issue:

6. Maria Garnett, b. Aug. —, 1838, d. May 27, 1856, unm.

7. Grace Fenton Hunter, b. Feb. 18, 1840, d. Feb. 22, 1904, m. July 28, 1868, Rev. Kinloch Nelson, who died Oct. 25, 1894; issue:

VII. 1. Grace Fenton, b. Oct. 24, 1869, m. April 8, 1890, Rev. Edward T. Helfenstein; no issue; adopted child, Grace Fenton.

2. Robert Burwell, b. July 6, 1871, m. May 23, 1906, Sallie Bruce Seddon; issue: VIII. 1. William Seddon, born April 6, 1908; 2. Robert B., Jr., born Feb. 6, 1910.

VII. 3. John Peyton Garnett, b. Nov. 17, 1872, m. June 3, 1902, Susan Rose Morris; issue:

VIII. 1. Kinloch, b. March 12, 1903.

2. Charles Morris, b. July 6, 1907.

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VII. 4. Mildred Walker, b. Feb. 18, 1876, m. Nov. 19, 1898, Rev. John I. Yellott; issue:

VIII. 1. Kinloch Nelson, b. March 29, 1900.
2. Mary Traill, b. Sept. 11, 1901.
3. Grace Fenton, b. Oct. 16, 1906.
4. John I., Jr., b. Oct. 25, 1908.

VI. 8. Emily Page, b. July 9, 1841, m. July 1, 1873, Philip W. Nelson; no issue. P. W. Nelson died Sept. 27, 1908.

V. 7. Charles Fenton Mercer, b. Oct. 7, 1810, d. March 6, 1886, unm., in Norfolk, Va., and is buried there.

V. 8. THEODORE STANFORD, b. Nov. 18, 1812, d. May 28, 1885, and is buried at "Elmwood," m. April 18, 1839, FLORENTINA ISIDORA MORENO (daughter of Francisco Moreno, Pensacola, Fla.), who was born April 4, 1822, died Jan. 30, 1907, in Washington, D. C., and is buried in Norfolk, Va. (For descent see below.) Issue:

VI. 1. JAMES MERCER (M. A., 1859, and Professor 1882-1896, University of Virginia); b. April 24, 1840, at Aldie, Loudoun Co., Va., residence of his great-uncle, Hon. Charles Fenton Mercer, m. April 19, 1871, KATE HUNTINGTON NOLAND, b. Jan. 4, 1849, daughter of Major Burr Powell Noland and Susan Chapline Wilson, at Middleburg, Loudoun Co., Va.; issue:

VII. 1. JAMES MERCER, JR., b. March 10, 1872, at Middleburg, Va., baptized by the Rev. William M. Dame, Aug. 25, 1872.

[VI. 1. JAMES MERCER GARNETT was Captain and Ordnance Officer of Rodes's, later Grimes's Division, 2nd Corps, A. N. Va., C. S. A. He enlisted in the Rockbridge Artillery, July 17, 1861, and was paroled at Appomattox C. H., Va., April 10, 1865. (See *Who's Who in America,* and my *History of University of Virginia,* Lewis Publishing Company, New York, 1904).

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Both V. 7. Charles Fenton Mercer Garnett and V. 8. Theodore Stanford Garnett were alumni of the University of Virginia, and were prominent civil engineers.

FAMILY OF FLORENTINA ISIDORA (MORENO) GARNETT.

FERNANDO MORENO, surgeon in the Spanish army, b. in Malaga, Spain, in 1763, d. in Havana in 1838, m. Florentina Senac, of New Orleans, who d. there in 1800. Issue:

1. FRANCISCO, b. Nov. 1793, d. Nov. 19, 1883, in Pensacola, Fla., where he lived all his life and was the Spanish consul for many years until his death. He married, *first,* Josepha Lopez, who d. Feb. 8, 1820, and had issue:

1. Angela Sylvaria, b. June 20, 1816; m. Hon. Stephen R. Mallory, and had issue: two sons and two daughters.
2. Josepha Lopez, b. April 22, 1818, d. Oct. 29, 1820.
3. Francisco De Sales (Lieut. C. S. A.), b. Jan. 29, 1820, d. May 4, 1862, at Louisville, Ky., from wounds received at Shiloh; m. and had issue.

FRANCISCO MORENO married, *second,* Margarita Eleuteria Lopez, and had issue:

1. FLORENTINA ISIDORA, b. April 4, 1822, d. Jan. 30, 1907; m. April 18, 1839, Theodore S. Garnett, and had issue. [See above.]
2. Fernando Joaquin, b. Feb. 5, 1824; m. and had issue:
3. Irene Gregoria, b. Dec. 24, 1825; m. Capt. Scarritt, U. S. A., and had issue, d.
4. Benito Julian, b. Feb. 17, 1827, d. June 1, 1865, unm.
5. Theodore, b. Nov. 9, 1829, m. and had issue, d.
6. Arthur, b. Sept. 20, 1831, d. Nov. 7, 1839.
7. Charles Albert, b. Sept. 21, 1834, d. Aug. 4, 1861, unm.
8. James Nicholas, b. Dec. 7, 1863, m. and had issue, d.
9. Esteban Anastasio (major C. S. A.), b. April 15, 1839; m. twice and had issue, d.

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10. Victoria Calder (Cecilia), b. April 22, 1841, m. and had issue.

11. Celestino Scarritt (Lieut. C. S. A.), b. Jan. 2, 1846, d. Nov. 29, 1864. Killed while leading a charge at Columbia, Tenn.

FRANCISCO MORENO, m. third, Mentoria Gonzalez, daughter of Celestino Gonzalez, of Pensacola, Fla., and had issue.

VI. 2. Theodore Stanford, Jr., b. Oct. 28, 1844, in Richmond, Va., m. *first,* Oct. 25, 1873, Emily Eyre Baker (daughter of Hon. Richard H. Baker, Norfolk, Va.), who died Feb. 23, 1876; issue:

VII. 1. Lelia Barraud, b. Sept. 13, 1874, m. Oct. 18, 1899, *first,* Dr. Wm. E. Huger, Jr., who died in Baltimore, Md., Mar. 29, 1902; issue:

VIII. 1. William E. Huger, Jr., b. Aug. 21, 1900. Lelia B. Garnett, m. *second,* in Norfolk, Va., Edward Abbott Burdett, April 28, 1909 (who d. Nov. 29, 1909) and had issue: Edward Abbott Burdett, Jr., b. April 27, 1910.

VII. 2. Theodore Stanford, b. Sept. 8, 1875, m. April 25, 1901, Eleanor Colville Randolph, daughter of Rt. Rev. Alfred M. Randolph; issue:

VIII. 1. Theodore Stanford, b. July 14, 1905.

2. Eleanor Randolph, b. Feb. 2, 1909.

VI. 2. Theodore S. Garnett, m. *second,* July 28, 1885, Mrs. Louisa Bowdoin (*née* Smith); no issue:

He was Lieutenant and Aid-de-Camp to Maj.-Gen. J. E. B. Stuart; later, Captain and Adjutant-General of Roberts's Brigade of Cavalry, C. S. A., until April 9, 1865. (See *Who's Who* in America.)

VI. 3. Ella Isidora, b. Dec. 11, 1848, in Columbia, S. C.

V. 9. Eliza Lucinda, b. May 6, 1815, d. July 5, 1847, unm.

IV. 5. Maria Garnett, daughter of Muscoe Garnett and Grace Fenton Mercer, m. Sept. 21, 1896, James Hunter; issue:

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V. 1. Maria, b. Oct. 3, 1797, d. June 4, 1873, m. Mar. 7, 1820, her first cousin, (V. 1.) James Mercer Garnett, Jr. [Issue given above.]

2. Muscoe Garnett, b. Jan. 4, 1799, d. June 28, 1817, unm.

3. Martha Fenton, b. Sept. 30, 1800, d. Aug. 27, 1866, unm.

4. James, b. Feb. 14, 1802, d. Sept. 3, 1822, unm.

5. Jane Swann, b. June 13, 1804, d. May 27, 1880, unm.

6. William, b. Nov. 16, 1806, d. Aug. 4, 1811.

7. Robert Mercer Taliaferro (U. S. and C. S. Senator), b. April 21, 1809, d. July 18, 1887, m. Oct. 24, 1836, Mary Evelina Dandridge (see Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary*); issue:

VI. 1. Robert Mercer Taliaferro, Jr., b. April 1, 1839, d. Nov. 28, 1861, unm. (M. A. and B. L.), University of Va.

2. Martha Taliaferro ("Pink"), b. April 1, 1841, d. Feb. 9, 1909, unm. (Author of "Memoir of Hon. Robert M. T. Hunter.")

3. James Dandridge, b. Mar. 3, 1844, m. June 18, 1884, Emma Lee Parker; issue:

VII. 1. Mary Evelina, b. May 14, 1886, d. Jan. 26, 1905, unm.

2. Robert Mercer Taliaferro, b. Oct. 12, 1888.

3. Stephen Spotswood, b. Oct. 17, 1890.

VI. 4. Sarah Stephena, b. Apr. 24, 1846, d. Apr. 14, 1865, unm.

5. Philip Stephen, b. July 17, 1848.

6. Muscoe Russell Garnett, b. Feb. 18, 1850, d. July 28, 1865 (drowned in Hunter's Mill Pond).

7. Annie Buchanan, b. May 23, 1852.

8. Mary Evelina, b. Sept. 12, 1854, d. June 11, 1881, unm.

V. 8. William Garnett, b. Aug. 13, 1811, d. Feb. 5, 1829, at University of Virginia. James Hunter, m. *second,* Apphia B. Rowzee, 1821; issue:

9. Sally Harriet Apphia, b. Feb. 26, 1822, d. July 5, 1874, unm.

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Both Hon. Robert M. T. Hunter and his son R. M. T. Hunter, Jr., were prominent alumni of the University of Virginia. (See my *History of the University of Virginia.*) He was a Visitor of the University of Virginia, 1845-1854.

IV. 8. Muscoe Garnett, b. July 12, 1786, d. ———, 1869, m. ———, 1807, Maria Battaile, daughter of Hay Battaile and Mary Champe Willis, of Caroline Co., Va.; issue:

V. 1. William, b. ———, 1808, d. July —, 1833, m. Emily Henrietta Hodges, of Baltimore, Md.; issue:

VI. 1. Benjamin.
2. Miradetta.
3. William.
4. Alfred.

V. 2. Alfred Hay, M. D., b. Oct. 5, 1810, d. May 16, 1880, m. Mary Willis Holmes (Hoomes), Nov. 21, 1839, who died May 16, 1894; issue:

VI. 1. Clarence Linden, M. D., b. Jan. 25, 1841, d. Aug. 24, 1889, m. Mary Wilson Garnett, Jan. 25, 1865; issue:

VII. 1. Clarence Wayne, b. March 5, 1867, d. July 27, 1867.
2. Alfred Linden, b. June 29, 1869.
3. William Sharp Wilson, b. June 20, 1872.
4. Evelyn Willis, b. Aug. 23, 1875, m. April 6, 1898, Charles Aylett Ashby; issue:

VIII. 1. Clarence Linden Garnett, b. April 24, 1900.
2. Charles Aylett, b. Oct. 22, 1903.

VII. 5. Mary Clarence, b. Oct. 2, 1877, m. Richard Morris Nelson, April 25, 1906; issue: VIII. 1. Alfred Garnett, b. April 30, 1908; d. in infancy.

VI. 2. Alexander Baylor, b. Oct. 29, 1843.
3. Maria, b. Aug. 15, 1844, m. Dec. 23, 1872, John L. Brooke; no issue.
4. Alfred Hay, b. March 15, 1849, m. Lizzie Brown; issue:

VII. 1. Clifford Carlisle, b. ———.

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VI. 5. William A., b. Sept. 30, 1850, d. May 4, 1904, m. Alice Barrett; issue:

VII. 1. Bertha, b. ———.

2. Lula, b. ———.

V. 3. John Mercer, b. ———, 1812, m. Ellen Baylor; no issue.

4. Ann Hay, b. ———, 1814, d. May 4, 1839, unm.

5. Martha Taliaferro, b. ———, 1816, d. Dec. 3, 1837, unm.

6. Alexander Yelverton Peyton, M. D., b. Sept. 19, 1819, d. July 11, 1888, m. June 13, 1848, Mary Wise, who was b. Sept. 21, 1829, and d. Feb. 15, 1898; daughter of Governor Henry A. Wise (see Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary*); issue:

VI. 1. Henry Wise, b. Mar. 31, 1849, d. July 10, 1897, m. Nov. 4, 1874, Marion (Minnie) Morson, who d. Dec. 2, 1888; issue:

VII. 1. Maria, b. Sept. 2, 1875, m. Sept. 26, 1906, Henry Strath Venn, who d. Jan. 3, 1908; issue:

VIII. 1. Henry Garnett, b. July 3, 1908, d. July 6, 1908.

VII. 2. Ellen, b. Feb. 12, 1877.

3. A. Yelverton P., b. June 9, 1881.

4. Henry Wise, b. Sept. 24, 1882.

VI. 2. Maria, b. Dec. 6, 1850, d. Feb. 3, 1873, unm.

3. Annie E., b. Sept. 7, 1853, d. Sept. 20, 1853.

4. Yelverton P., b. Sept. 18, 1855, d. March 12, 1886.

5. Jennings Wise, b. Mar. 1, 1859, d. Aug. 7, 1880, M. A., University of Virginia.

6. Annie E., b. Nov. 18, 1863, m. Macomb G. Foster, Feb. 8, 1893; no issue.

V. 7. Edgar Malcolm, b. April 28, 1821, d. Dec. 22, 1900, m. July 16, 1851, Emily Hayward; issue:

VI. 1. Mary Champe, b. May 7, 1853, d. Aug. 20, 1882, m. Aug. 15, 1881, Wm. Mason McCarty; issue:

VII. 1. Mary Garnett, b. Aug. 20, 1882.

VI. 2. Helen, b. May 16, 1860, m. Dec. 28, 1886, William E. Chisolm, who d. ———; issue:

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VII. 1. William Garnett, b. Nov. 19, 1890.
V. 8. James Mercer, b. ———, m. Evelina Lansing; issue:
VI. 1. Gertrude Maria, b. ———, d. ———, m. Arthur Noble; issue:
VII. 1. Emily Bates, b. ———.
VI. 2. Muscoe, b. ———, d. ———, unm.
3. Robert Selden, b. ———, d. ———.
4. Malvina, b. ———, d. ———.
5. Clay, b. ———, d. ———.
6. Lansing, b. ———.
V. 9. Maria Champe, b. ———, 1825, m. May 17, 1853, her first cousin, Louis A. Garnett [issue given below], d. October, 1909.
10. Muscoe, b. ———, 1827, d. Aug. 11, 1899, unm.
11. Emily Henrietta, b. April 7, 1829, d. ———, m. John Triplett Smith; issue:
VI. 1. and
2. Louis and Emily, twins, b. ———, d. ———.
V. 12. George Brooke, b. ———, 1831, d. Mar. 10, 1850.
13. Robert Payne Waring, b. Sept. 19, 1833, m. Oct. 18, 1855, Sally Brooke Harper; issue: VI. 1. Muscoe, b. ———, d. ———.
VI. 2. Samuel H., b. ———, d. March —, 1910, m. Lola Whalen; issue:
VII. 1. Samuel, b. ———, 1887; 2. Frank, b. ———, 1889.
VI. 3. Frank H., b. ———, d.———.

IV. 9. William Garnett, b. July 12, 1786, d. Mar. 16, 1866, m. June 4, 1807, Anna Maria Brooke, daughter of Richard Brooke and Maria Mercer (see MERCER Genealogy), who was b. May 15, 1787, and d. May 8, 1854; issue:
V. 1. Anna Maria Catherine, b. Aug. 19, 1808, d. ———.
2. Muscoe, b. May 7, 1810, d. May 5, 1826.
3. Charlotte Olympia, b. June 4, 1812, d. March 26, 1872, m. May 21, 1840, Derrill Hart Darby, who d. April 5, 1859; issue:

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VI. 1. Mary Eugenia Anna, b. May 14, 1841, m. Dec. 20, 1877, Wm. Joyner De Treville (his second wife); issue:

VII. 1. Derrill, b. Oct. 10, 1878, m. Nov. 7, 1906, Grace Evelyn Alcott; no issue.

VI. 2. Louisa Henrietta Fenton, b. Sept. 15, 1842, d. Nov. 20, 1842.

3. Louisa Burnham, b. Dec. 9, 1843, m. Sept. 4, 1866, Albert Rhett Taber (his second wife); issue:

VII. 1. Charlotte Garnett, b. May 20, 1867, m. Aug. —, 1894, George Willard; issue:

VIII. 1. Taber, b. ———, 1895, d. ———.

2. Louis D., b. ———, 1898.

VII. 2. Margaret Canty, b. Oct. 16, 1868, m. June 20, 1888, John Blake Washington; issue:

VIII. 1. Pearl, b. April 17, 1889.

2. John Blake, b. April 9, 1890.

3. Charlotte Garnett, b. June 20, 1893.

4. William, b. Jan. 10, 1897.

5. Taber Willard, b. May 16, 1904.

VII. 3. Louisa Burnham, b. June 27, 1870, m. Jan. —, 1898, Robert M. Thomas, d. July 22, 1907; issue:

VIII. 1. Robert Milton, b. Dec. 20, 1898.

2. Louisa Darby, b. Aug. 16, 1900.

3. Mary Taber, b. Jan. 10, 1903.

VII. 4. Albert Rhett, b. April 9, 1872, m. ———, 1896, Mary Belle (Mabel) Peterkin; issue:

VIII. 1. James Alexander, b. May 30, 1897.

2. Derrill Darby, b. Feb. 6, 1900.

3. William Preston, b. Dec. 19, 1902.

4. Lottie Belle, b. Sept. 4, 1905.

5. Albert Rhett, b. Feb. 4, 1908.

VII. 5. Mary Darby, b. Feb. 16, 1874.

6. Derrill Darby, b. April 21, 1876, m. Feb. 16, 1876, Augusta Porcher Jones; issue:

VIII. 1. Marion Porcher, b. Mar. 22, 1907.

VI. 4. Anna Brooke, b. Mar. 15, 1847, d. Aug. 9, 1848.

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5. Derrill Garnett, b. Jan. 9, 1849, d. April 4, 1859.
6. Elizabeth Brooke, b. June 14, 1852, m. Nov. 19, 1872, Daniel M. Zimmerman; issue:

VII. 1. Ann Elizabeth, b. Sept. 6, 1873.
2. Charlotte Olympia Garnett, b. Jan. 24, 1875.
3. Mary Darby, b. Aug. 6, 1876.
4. Daniel M., b. Nov. 21, 1880.
5. Thomas H., b. Feb. 8, 1883.
6. Mercer De Treville, b. Oct. 4, 1885.
7. Charles S. Vedder, b. May 31, 1888.
8. Walter Taylor, b. Dec. 13, 1895.
9. Richard Garnett, b. May 31, 1896.

VI. 7. Anna Mercer, b. Jan. 25, 1855.
8. William Garnett, b. Aug. 21, 1857, d. Aug. 29, 1895.

V. 4. Henrietta Louisa Fenton, b. Sept. 18, 1814, d. Jan. ———, 1859; m. ———, Gen. Thomas H. Williamson, Prof. Va. Mil. Institute; issue:

VI. 1. Anna Maria Mercer, b. Mar. 10, 1838, d. May 10, 1906, unm.
2. William Garnett, b. Dec. 13, 1840, d. Aug. 2, 1898; m. Oct. 10, 1872, Elizabeth Cralle; issue:

VII. 1. Mercer, b. ———, 1874.
2. Richard Morris, b. ———, 1876.
3. Thomas H., b. ———, 1878.
4. Elizabeth Morris, b. ———, 1881.
5. Fenton, b. ———, 1884.
6. Charles Minor, b. ———, 1891.
7. Charlotte Olympia, b. ———, 1894.

VI. 3. Ann Walke, b. ———, 1843, d. ———, m. William C. Eoff, Nov. 21, 1865; issue:

VII. 1. Louisa Garnett, b. ———, 1866, m. Sept. 17, 1889, Edward L. Graham; issue:

VIII. 1. Thomas Williamson, b. ———.
2. Edward Lacy, b. ———.
3. John, b. ———.

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4. Samuel Mercer, b. ———.
5. Mary Louisa, b. ———.

VI. 4. Thom, b. May 28, 1845, d. July 29, 1902, m. Aug. 26, 1868, Sallie Burwell Nelson; issue:

VII. 1. Thomas Nelson, b. ———, 1869, m. Oct. 27, 1899, Ellen Blair Claiborne; no issue:

VII. 2. Robert Burwell, b. ———, 1870, m. Mona Killey; issue:

VIII. 1. Robert Burwell, b. ———.
2. Philip Killey, b. ———.

VII. 3. William Garnett, b. ———, 1872, m. Ellen Killey; issue:

VIII. 1. Mary Mercer, b. ———.

VII. 4. Mary Mercer, b. ———, d. May 17, 1896.

VI. 5. Charlotte Olympia, b. ———, 1847, m. Nov. 12, 1872, John B. Purcell; issue:

VII. 1. Nannie Williamson, b. Aug. 18, 1873, d. June 15, 1874.
2. Olympia Williamson, b. Oct. 5, 1874, d. Sept. 27, 1875.
3. Martha Webb, b. ———, 1876.
4. Richard Mercer, b. ———, 1878, d. ———, 1879.
5. John, b. ———, 1880, d. ———, 1883.
6. Thomas Williamson, b. ———, 1881, m. Oct. 20, 1904, Elizabeth Melville Bosher; issue:

VIII. 1. Elizabeth Bosher, b. Aug. 6, 1905, d. May 30, 1906.
2. Charlotte Mercer, b. Feb. ———, 1907.

VII. 7. Louisa Garnett, b. ———, 1884.
8. Anna Brooke, b. ———, 1886.
9. b. ———, d. ———.
10. b. ———, d. ———.
11. b. ———, d. ———.

V. 5. and
6. Richard Brooke and William Henry, twins, b. Nov. 21, 1817.
5. Richard Brooke, captain 6th Infantry, U. S. A., Brig. General, C. S. A.; killed at Gettysburg, Pa.,

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July 3, 1863, unm. (See Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary.*)

6. William Henry, d. Aug. 4, 1855, of yellow fever in Norfolk, Va., m. ———, 1841, Mary Ann Wilson, who was b. July 19, 1819, and who d. Aug. 16, 1891; issue:

VI. 1. Mary Wilson, b. July 29, 1842, d. Nov. 16, 1904, m. her second cousin, Dr. Clarence L. Garnett, son of Dr. Alfred Hay Garnett, Jan. 25, 1865. [Issue given above, page 33.]

2. Grace Fenton, b. Mar. 31, 1845, d. July 9, 1896, unm.

3. Georgie Wayne, b. Aug. 10, 1848, m. Nov. ———, 1874, M. Fillmore Jordan; no issue.

4. Lucy Brooke, b. Dec. 12, 1850, m. Dec. 18, 1872, Davis Wills Jordan; issue:

VII. 1. Mary Garnett, b. Jan. 3, 1874, d. Nov. 3, 1876.

2. Emily Virginia, b. Aug. 18, 1876, m. April 18, 1900, Thomas Stark; issue:

VIII. 1. Richard Garnett, b. Jan. 1901, d. June 16, 1903.

2. Martha Slaughter, b. June 12, 1903, d. Sept. 8, 1904.

3. Mary Garnett, b. Dec. 3, 1904.

4. Thomas, b. Jan. 11, 1907.

VII. 3. Fenton Garnett, b. July 4, 1879.

4. Davis Wills, b. Oct. 4, 1881.

5. William Henry, b. Oct. 29, 1883, m. April 18, 1906, Maria Lee Holmes; issue:

VIII. 1. Emily Virginia, b. Feb. 13, 1907.

VI. 5. Emily Doran, b. Nov. 29, 1852, m. April 7, 1877, Henry M. Day; issue:

VII. 1. Georgie Wayne, b. Jan. 29, 1878.

2. Emily Sutton, b. Aug. 12, 1879.

3. Lucile Bennett, b. Aug. 9, 1882.

4. Henry Mason, b. Dec. 23, 1886.

5. Alfred Bennett, b. Oct. 5, 1888, d. ———.

6. Garnett Lee, b. Oct. ———, 1890.

VI. 6. Wm. Henry, b. Aug. 5, 1855, unm.

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V. 7. Anna Maria Mercer, b. Oct. 20, 1819, d. in infancy.
8. Mary Elizabeth Selden, b. Mar. 1, 1826, d. ———, 1865; m. John Mercer Brooke, Lieut. U. S. N., Prof. Va. Mil. Inst. [For issue, see MERCER Genealogy.]
9. Margaret Mercer, b. July 27, 1828, d. April —, 1829.
10. Robert Mercer, b. Oct. —, 1830, d. in infancy.

IV. 10. Robert Selden, b. April 26, 1789, d. Aug. 15, 1840, youngest son of Muscoe Garnett and Grace Fenton Mercer [see MERCER Genealogy], a member of the Virginia Legislature, and of the United States Congress for ten years, 1817-'27; m. Dec. 30, 1812, Olympia Charlotte DeGouges, who was b. in Paris, France, May 5, 1796, and d. Aug. 8, 1856, at "Champlain," Essex Co., Va.; she was the daughter of Gen. Jean Pierre DeGouges, of the French Army, and Maria Hyacinth De Gouges; m. by Rt. Rev. William White, in Philadelphia, Pa. (see Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary*); issue:

V. 1. Mary Hyacinth, b. Dec. 13, 1815, d. May 12, 1893, unm.
2. Grace Fenton, b. Jan. 25, 1818, d. Dec. 22, 1901, unm.
3. Robert Selden, b. Dec. 16, 1819, Major 9th Infantry, U. S. A., Brigadier General C. S. A.; killed at Carrick's Ford, Va., on Cheat River, July 13, 1861; m. Mary Neilson, of New York (see Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary*); issue:

VI. 1. Arthur, b. ———, d. ———.

V. 4. Louis Anacharsis, b. May 5, 1821, d. June 25, 1901, m. March 17, 1853, his first cousin, Maria Champe, daughter of Muscoe Garnett; she was born ———, 1825; d. Oct. —, 1909; issue:

VI. 1. William Hammond, b. Feb. 28, 1855, ——— unm.
2. Louis DeGouges, b. Feb. 10, 1858, d. ———.
3. Yelverton Triplett, b. Dec. 8, 1860, d. ———.

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Stafford County, Virginia, of which John Mercer was a Vestryman. Rebuilt 1757.

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4. Robert Selden, b. Dec. 10, 1862, d. ———.
5. Edgar Malcolm, b. Nov. 13, 1864.
6. Marion Lee, b. ———, 1866, d. ———.
7. Mercer Brooke, b. ———, 1868, d. ———.
8. Kennedy Porter, b. Mar. 12, 1871, m. June 1, 1907, Edna Foote; issue:

V. 5. Henry Laurens, b. June —, 1824, d. Dec. —, 1827.
6. Alexander Somervail, b. Feb. 1, 1831, d. May —, 1907, unm.; captain C. S. A.
7. John Francis Mercer, b. Sept. 17, 1833, d. April 9, 1899, unm.; captain C. S. A.

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GENEALOGY OF THE MERCER FAMILY OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA,

WHICH INTERMARRIED WITH THE GARNETT FAMILY OF "ELMWOOD," ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

[See MERCER Genealogy in Baltimore *Sun* of September 17 and 24, 1905.]

[It must be premised, in this sketch of the MERCER family of Virginia and Maryland, that the family of JOHN MERCER of "Marlborough," Stafford County, Virginia, *immigrant*, who was the founder in Virginia of this branch of the MERCER family, is, so far as known, *not* related to that of Doctor, later General, Hugh Mercer, of Fredericksburg, Va. (see Judge John T. Goolrick's *Life of General Hugh Mercer*, Appendix), although they were contemporaries and friends, and Dr. Hugh Mercer was the physician to the family of John Mercer, who came to this country in 1720, nearly thirty years before Dr. Mercer. Mistakes are often made about these families, hence this statement. The particulars concerning the descent of the family of JOHN MERCER of "Marlborough" are derived from a family Bible once belonging to John Mercer and now (1910) in the possession of the family of his descendant, the late Hon. Robert Mercer Taliaferro Hunter, United States and Confederate States Senator from Virginia, of "Fonthill," Essex County, Virginia. Many of the older genealogical entries *are in the handwriting of John Mercer*, and were copied by the present writer from this Bible over fifty years ago. Others are derived from the oral statements of older members of the family now deceased.]

JOHN MERCER, of "Marlborough," Stafford County, Virginia, was descended as follows:

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[Roman numerals denote the generations.]

I. NOEL Mercer, of Chester, England, said to be descended from the Mercers of Aldie Castle, Perthshire, Scotland (but I have no *proof* of this descent), married Ann Smith, and had issue:

II. 1. ROBERT, 2. Susanna, 3, Elizabeth, 4. Jane.

II. 1. Robert Mercer m. Elinor Reynolds; issue:

III. 1. JOHN, b. Dec. 14, 1670, 2. and 3. Robert and Ann, b. Sept., 1673.

II. 3. Elizabeth Mercer m. Thomas Eaton; issue:

III. 1. William, 2. Elizabeth, 3. Thomas.

II. 4. Jane Mercer m. James Pheasant; issue:

III. 1. James, 2. Jane, 3. Elizabeth, 4. Henry.

II. JOSEPH FENTON m. *first,* Ann Sheppey; issue:

III. 1. William, b. Feb. 14, 1675.
2. Peter, b. May 19, 1678.
3. GRACE, b. March 31, 1680.
4. Mary, b. June 17, 1682.
5. Joseph, b. July 16, 1683.
6. Samuel, b. March 28, 1685.
7. Esther, b. March 27, 1687.
8. Ann, b. June 20, 1688.
9. Jane, b. July 11, 1689.
10. Richard, b. Oct. 6, 1690, d. in London, 1763.
11. Alice, b. Aug. 7, 1692.
12. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 22, 1693.
13. Mary, b. Sept. 19, 1695.

II. JOSEPH FENTON m. *second,* Jane Swift, sister of Dr. Jonathan Swift, Dean of St. Patrick's, Dublin; issue:

III. 14. Swift, died in Jamaica.
15. Martha.
16. Joseph.
17. Martha.

III. 1. JOHN MERCER, of Dublin, Ireland, b. Dec. 14, 1670, d. Feb. —, 1717, son of II. 1. Robert, grandson of

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I. 1. Noel, m. in 1700, III. 3. GRACE FENTON, b. March 31, 1680, d. Feb. —, 1763; issue:

IV. 1. Ann, b. March 25, 1700.
2. Jane, b. Aug. 4, 1702.
3. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 25, 1703.
4. JOHN, b. Feb. 6, 1704, in Church Street, Dublin, on Sunday.
5. Joseph, b. April 17, 1706, d. in Sierra Leone.
6. Robert, b. July 19, 1707.
7. and
8. William and Edward, b. Oct. 29, 1708.
9. Martin, b. March 22, 1709.
10. James, b. Nov. 16, 1711.
11. Mary, b. March 25, 1713, m. Joshua Phipps.
12. Ann, b. Nov. 28, 1714.
13. Jemima, b. Jan. 20, 1715, m. James McCalla.
14. James, b. Feb. 19, 1716, d. Sept. 17, 1757, in Albany, N. Y. Captain, 1740, in expedition to Carthagena; captain, 1755, in expedition against Fort Duquesne, lieutenant-colonel at death; d. unm. [See my sketch of Judge JAMES MERCER, *William and Mary College Quarterly,* Oct., 1908, and Jan. 1909.)
15. Elizabeth, b. July 13, 1718, m. *first,* James Prosser; *second,* ——— Humphreys.

IV. 4. JOHN MERCER, of "Marlborough," Stafford County, Va., founder of the family in this country, son of III. 1. John, of Dublin, grandson of II. 1. Robert, great-grandson of I. 1. Noel, of Chester, England, b. Feb. 6, 1704, emigrated to Virginia in 1720, d. Oct. 14, 1768, at his seat "Marlborough," in Stafford County, Virginia. John Mercer was a lawyer by profession, a large landed proprietor, and was secretary of the Ohio Company. He left a folio MS. Land-Book, in which are entered his landed possessions, and some deeds and other valuable papers. This book is now owned by *me,* James

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MRS. JOHN MERCER,
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Mercer Garnett, by inheritance from my great-uncle, Hon. Charles Fenton Mercer, son of Hon. James Mercer, and grandson of John Mercer, of "Marlborough."

John Mercer was the author of "An Abridgment of the laws of Virginia," Williamsburg, 1737, of which first edition my son Mercer has a copy; second edition, Glasgow, 1759, of which I have a copy. A reprint of the first edition, with additions, was issued at Williamsburg, Va., in 1739. He was also author of the first tract published in Virginia against the Stamp Act, no known copy of which is in existence. John Mercer was a vestryman of Acquia Church, Stafford Co., Va. His name, and those of the rector and the other vestrymen, will be found painted on the gallery of old Acquia Church, still in use, in 1757. (See Bishop Meade's *Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia*, Vol. II., p. 198, ed. of 1891, and Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary*. See also Scott's *History of Orange County, Virginia*, pp. 28, 29, Richmond, 1901.

IV. 4. JOHN MERCER m. *first*, Catherine Mason, only daughter of Col. George Mason, 2d. by Elizabeth, his second wife, daughter of the Rev. John Waugh. She was born on Saturday, June 21, 1707, and was married to John Mercer by the Rev. Alexander Scott, minister of Overwharton Parish, in Stafford Co., Va., at Mrs. Ann Fitzhugh's, in King George Co., Va., on Thursday, June 10, 1725, and died June 15, 1750.

Issue of JOHN MERCER and Catherine Mason: [The oversights in Boogher's "Register of Overwharton Parish," are here corrected from family records.]

V. 1. Mason, b. July 2, 1726, d. July 23, 1726.

2. John, b. Dec. 17, 1727, at "Newtown," Col. Mason's

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plantation, now in Fairfax Co., Va.; d. Sept. 12, 1732.

3. Elizabeth Mason, b. Feb. 16, 1730, d. Aug. 31, 1732.

4. George, b. June 23, 1733, d. April —, 1784, in London; m. at Scarboro', England, Mary, daughter of Christopher Neville, of Lincoln, England, Aug. 18, 1767, who died without issue in Richmond, Va., June 4, 1768. George Mercer was educated at Wiliam and Mary College, was lieutenant and captain in Col. George Washington's First Virginia Regiment in the French and Indian War, and later lieutenant-colonel of Col. Wm. Byrd's Second Virginia Regiment, and aid-de-camp to Washington. With Washington he represented Frederick Co., Va., in the House of Burgesses, 1761-'65. He was agent of the Ohio Company in England, 1763-'64, and was appointed stamp distributor in Virginia, but on reaching Virginia and learning the state of feeling against the Stamp Act, he resigned and returned to England. (See my sketch of Judge JAMES MERCER mentioned above.) He was later appointed by Lord Hillsborough Lieut-Governor of North Carolina, Sept. 17, 1768, but it does not appear that he ever assumed the office. (See Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary,* and *Journals of House of Burgesses,* 1761-65, Proper.

V. 5. John Fenton, b. Aug 31, 1735 [4 ?], at Chingomilican, Md., d. April 18, 1750. He was lieutenant and captain in the French and Indian War, and was killed by the Indians near Edwards's Fort, on the Warm Springs Mountain, Bath Co., Va. (See "Dinwiddie Papers," *Va. Hist. Society Collections,* IV., 387, 400.)

6. JAMES, son of IV. 4. John, grandson of III. 1. John, great-grandson of II.1. Robert, great-great-grandson of I Noel, b. Feb. 26, 1736, d. Oct. 31, 1793, m. Eleanor Dick, daughter of Charles Dick,

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and sister of Alex. Dick, of Fredericksburg, Va., June 4, 1772. (See my sketch of Judge JAMES MERCER). She died March 28, 1780; her only sister, Mary Dick, married Sir John Peyton; issue:

VI. 1. John Fenton, b. Oct. 13, 1773, d. Feb. —, 1812.

2. MARY ELEANOR DICK, b. Oct. 4, 1774, d. April 11, 1837; m. Sept. 21, 1793, her half first cousin, JAMES MERCER GARNETT, of "Elmwood," Essex Co., Va. [For issue see MERCER-GARNETT *Family, ante,* p. 24.]

3. Charles Fenton, b. June 16, 1778, d. May 4, 1858, at "Howard" (Episcopal High School), Fairfax Co., Va., unmarried, and is buried in Leesburg, Va. (See my sketch of him, *post.*)

V. 6. JAMES MERCER was educated at William and Mary College; was captain in the French and Indian War, commanding at Fort Loudoun, Winchester, Va., in 1756; was member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1762-1776; of the Virginia Conventions of 1774, 1775, and 1776; of the Committee of Safety, 1775-'76; of the Continental Congress, 1779-80; judge (and president) of the General Court, 1780-89; and of the Court of Appeals of five judges from 1789 to 1793. He is buried in the cemetery of St. John's Church, Richmond, Va., but the spot was not marked, and is now unknown. He drew the will of Mary, the mother of Washington, and was a witness to her signature. (See my pamphlet on JAMES MERCER, being articles in the *William and Mary College Quarterly,* Oct., 1908, and Jan., 1909. Pages 220-223 of the number for January, 1909, give a brief account of his son, Hon. Charles Fenton Mercer.) see *post.*) (See also for both Judge James Mercer and his son, Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary.*) No descendants of JOHN MERCER, of "Marlborough," Stafford, Co., Va., by the name of *Mer-*

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cer, are to be found in Virginia, but they are to be sought in the MERCER-GARNETT, the *Brooke,* and the *Harrison* families, of Virginia, and in the descendants of Governor *John Francis Mercer,* of Maryland. *Charles Fenton Mercer,* son of Judge James Mercer, was graduated from Princeton College in 1797; was offered commission as lieutenant and captain of cavalry, 1798-1800, but declined them; lawyer, 1802; and settled in practice at "Aldie," Loudoun Co., Va., named by him from Aldie Castle in Pertshire, Scotland. He was a member of the Virginia Legislature, 1810-'17; and was the original projector and charter president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. He served in the war of 1812, and was aid to the Governor, James Barbour, with the rank of colonel, and later commanded a brigade. In 1816-'17 he was the author of a bill for organizing education in Virginia, including a university, which passed the House of Delegates, and was lost in the Senate *by a tie vote.* (See my *History of the University of Virginia,* Vol. I., pp. 43, 44, The Lewis Publishing Co., New York, 1904.) He was a member of Congress continuously from 1817 to 1840; a Federalist in politics, but he supported the administrations of his neighbor, James Monroe, and of John Quincy Adams. He frequently visited Europe, the last time in 1853, in the interest of the abolition of the slave trade, and he was an officer and a staunch supporter of the American Colonization Society. See Tyler's *Letters and Times of the Tylers,* I. 566, for officers of the Society for 1838.) He was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829-'30, and of the Legislative Committee of which President Madison was the chairman, but, owing to his feebleness, Mr. Mercer frequently

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acted as chairman of that committee. (See *Virginia Convention*, 1829-'30, Richmond, 1830, and Grigsby's *The Virginia Convention of 1829-30*, Richmond, 1854, pp. 81 ff.)

V. 7. Sarah Ann Mason, b. June 24, 1738, m. Samuel Selden, of "Salvington," Nov. 24, 1759; issue:

VI. 1. Ann Mercer, b. Feb. 17, 1770.

2. Cary, b. Aug. 2, 1772, d. ———, 1834, m., 1832, Lucy Cooke; issue:

VII. 1. Anne Cary, b. 1834, d. 1848.

VI. 1. Ann Mercer Selden, m. John Taliaferro Brooke, Sept. 5, 1793; issue:

VII. 1. John Francis, d. in infancy.

2. Louisa S., d. unm.

3. Samuel Selden.

4. James Mercer, d. in infancy.

5. Francis, major, U. S. A., killed at Okeechobee, Fla.

6. Ann Mercer, d. unm.

7. Cary, d. in infancy.

8. Henry Laurens, b. July 16, 1868, m. Sarah Virginia Tucker, dau. of Hon. Henry St. George Tucker, and sister of Hon. John Randolph Tucker, Sept. 22, 1836. Issue of Henry Laurens Brooke and Sarah Virginia Tucker, b. June 30, 1817:

VIII. 1. Evelina Tucker, b. July 20, 1838, m. Daniel Bedinger Lucas (who d. July 24, 1909), Oct. 7, 1869; issue:

IX. 1. Virginia, b. Oct. 1, 1871.

2. Robert William, b. June 10, 1873, d. June 20, 1873.

VIII. 2. Anne Selden, b. June 10, 1840, m. James Fairfax McLaughlin, Dec. 5, 1867; he d. ———, 1904; issue:

IX. 1. Virginia Tucker, b. Aug. 20, 1868.

2. Alex. Stephens, b. July 29, 1871.

3. James Fairfax, Jr., b. Aug. 2, 1873.

4. Hugh E., b. July 2, 1875.

5. Henry Laurens, b. June 18, 1877, d. Feb., 1909, in California.

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6. Robert J., b. Jan. 28, 1880.
7. Selden Brooke, b. May 8, 1882.
8. Beverly Tucker, b. Oct. 19, 1884.

Issue of VII. 3. Samuel Selden Brooke, b. 1800, d. Dec. 15, 1861, m. Angelina Edrington, daughter of Capt. John Catesby Edrington, Jan. 25, 1825.

VIII. 1. John Mercer, b. ———, d. unm.
2. Sally Fenton, m. Dr. John Henry Daniel; issue:
IX. 1. John Mercer.
2. Selden Brooke, m. Eliza Burr Todd; issue:
X. 1. John Moncure.
2. Robert Todd.
3. Selden Brooke.
4. Anne Ruth.
5. Sara Todd.
IX. 3. Thomas Cushing, m. Julia Waggaman; issue:
X. 1. Thomas Cushing.
IX. 4. Fenton Brooke, d. in infancy.
VIII. 3. Anne Selden, and VIII. 4, Maria Louisa, both d. in childhood.
VIII. 5. Maria, m. Christopher Armat, of England; issue:
IX. 1. Angelina Brooke.
2. Thomas.
3. Christopher.
4. Selden Brooke.
5. John Hunter.
VIII. 6. Angelina (m. Col. James Douglas Bruce), d. in 1861, without issue.
7. Samuel Selden, capt. C. S. A., m. Bettie L. Young; issue:
IX. 1. Samuel Selden.
2. Henry Mercer, d. young.
3. Edgar Stapleton, m. Mary Rucker; issue:
X. 1. Virginia Mercer.
2. Edgar Stapleton.
IX. 4. Vina Young, m. Joseph Hunter; issue:
X. 1. Samuel Selden Brooke.

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2. and
3. William Lonsdale and Thomas Harman, twins, d. in infancy.
IX. 5. Sara E., d. in infancy.
6. Cary Minor.
VIII. 8. Virginia Tucker.
9. Louisa Selden (Louselle), d. unm.
VIII. 3. Virginia Dandridge, b. June 3, 1842, d. ———, 1845.
4. Henry St. George Tucker, Professor of Law in West Virginia University, retired, b. July 22, 1844, m. Aug. 15, 1882, Mary Harrison Brown; issue:
IX 1. Charles Frederick Tucker, b. June 4, 1883. (Rhodes scholar.)
2. Forrest Washington, b. Dec. —, 1884, d. in infancy.
3. Anne Washington, b. Aug. 10, 1887.
4. Francis John Taliaferro, b. June 19, 1889.
VIII. 5. John Taliaferro, b. June 9, 1846, d. July 20, 1846.
6. Francis John (Rev.), b. Dec. 24, 1847, m. Nov. 25, 1880, Elizabeth Gay Bentley, who d. Aug. 11, 1903; issue:
IX. 1. Lucy Parke.
2. Virginia Tucker, m. April —, 1909, Jas. E. Sloss, St. Louis, Mo.
3. Francis John, Jr.
VIII. 7. Virginia T., b. July 26, 1850, d. July 1, 1865.
8. David Tucker (Judge), b. April 28, 1852, m. Lucy B. Higgins, April 8, 1880; issue:
IX. 1. Lucy Drummond, b. Feb. 20, 1881.
2. Eloise Minor, b. Aug. 18, 1882.
3. Henry Laurens, b. Mar. 16, 1884.
4. Mary Walton, b. Nov. 19, 1886.
5. Evelina (Lena) Randolph, b. May 13, 1890.
6. Marguerita Custis, b. Jan. 30, 1896.
VIII. 9. Elizabeth Dallas, b. Feb. 6, 1854, unm.
10. Henry Laurens, b. Oct. 3, 1856, m. Mrs. Mary Johnson (*née* Calkins), Feb. 22, 1898; issue:
IX. 1. Henry Laurens, Jr., b. Oct. 16, 1890.

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VIII. 11. Laura Beverly, b. April 21, 1860, m. April 4, 1883, Everett Wade Bedinger; issue:

IX. 1. Evelina Tucker, b. April 28, 1884; m. (Rev.) R. W. Trapnell; issue:

X. 1. A daughter, b. June ———, 1909.

IX. 2. Everett Wade, Jr., b. Sept. 25, 1885, d. Aug. 12, 1889.

3. Virginia Brooke, b. Sept. 15, 1888.

4. Sarah Lucas, b. Sept. 12, 1890.

5. Laura Brooke, b. Oct. 5, 1892.

6. Henrietta Laurens, b. March 2, 1897.

7. Dorothy Wade, b. Feb. 21, 1902.

IV. 4. Issue of JOHN MERCER, of "Marlborough," and his *first* wife, Catherine Mason, continued:

V. 8. Mary, b. Aug. 23, 1740, d. Sept. 1. 1764, m. Daniel McCarty, April 3, 1764.

9. Thomson Mason, b. April 9, d. April 14, 1742.

10. Catesby Mason, b. Oct. 13, 1743, d. Oct. 15, 1750.

IV. 4. JOHN MERCER, of "Marlborough," m. *second*, Nov. 10, 1750, Ann Roy, daughter of Dr. Roy, of Essex Co., Va., at Col. M. Roy's house, ceremony performed by Rev. Mr. Smith; she died at her seat, "Marlborough," in Stafford Co., Va., Sept. 2, 1770; issue:

V. 11. GRACE FENTON, b. Feb. 20, 1751 (N. S. 1752), m. MUSCOE GARNETT, July 9, 1767, d. June 4, 1814.

[For issue see *ante*, MERCER-GARNETT family.]

12. Mungo Roy, b. Sept. 7, 1753, d. Feb. 26, 1771.

13. Elinor, b. Oct. 2, 1754, believed to be the Elinor Roy Mercer who m. Henry Micou, Jr., April 25, 1803. [See King George County marriages in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for April, 1903.]

14. John, b. Sept. 23, 1757, d. young.

15. John Francis, b. May 17, 1759, d. Aug. 30, 1821, in Philadelphia [Governor of Maryland, 1801-1803;

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Residence of Hon. Charles Fenton Mercer, and Birthplace of Prof. James Mercer Garnett.

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see my paper in *Maryland Historical Magazine*, II., 3, September, 1907], m. Sophia Sprigg, daughter of Richard and Margaret (Caile) Sprigg, of West River, Anne Arundel Co., Maryland, Feb., 1785 (see Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary*); issue:

VI. 1. Richard, b. Nov. 19, 1785, died young.

2. John, b. at "Strawberry Hill," near Annapolis, Md., June 24, 1788, d. May 22, 1848, at "Belmont," Loudoun Co., Va., and is buried at "Cedar Park," Anne Arundel Co., Md.

3. Anna, b. Nov. 12, 1789, d. June 2, 1790.

4. Margaret, b. July 1, 1791, d. Sept. 17, 1846. She was a noted educator of girls, teaching at "Cedar Park," Md., "Franklin," Baltimore Co., Md., and "Belmont," Loudoun Co., Va. "Belmont" is situated near Leesburg, Va. [See her *Memoir* by Dr. Caspar Morris, Philadelphia, 1848, two eds. This *Memoir* contains extracts from her writings.]

5. Thomas Sprigg, b. Sept. 4, 1792.

V. 15. John Francis Mercer, b. May 17, 1759, d. Aug. 30, 1821, was educated at William and Mary College, Va., and served in the Revolutionary War as lieutenant (1776), and captain (1777), in the Third Virginia Regiment, and as aid-de-camp to General Charles Lee (1778-'79), He was wounded in the battle of the Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777. After the battle of Monmouth he resigned from the army, but later equipped, at his own expense, a troop of cavalry, of which he was made lieutenant-colonel (1780). It was at first attached to General Lawson's brigade, and when that was disbanded, to General Lafayette's army until after the surrender at Yorktown. [See a letter of his in Gaillard Hunt's *Fragments of Revolutionary History*, Hist. Printing Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., 1892.] He then studied law with

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Thomas Jefferson, and was a delegate to the Continental Congress (1782-'83). After his marriage, in 1785, he removed to "Cedar Park," on West River, Anne Arundel Co., Md., and was a delegate in 1787 from Maryland to the Convention that framed the Federal Constitution, which he, with Luther Martin of Maryland, George Mason of Virginia, and others, refused to sign on account of its consolidation tendencies. He served in the Maryland Convention that adopted the Federal Constitution (1788), but voted against the adoption of the Constitution; served in the Legislature several times, and in the U. S. Congress (1792-94. He was Governor of Maryland (1801-'03), and afterward again served in the Legislature. He died in Philadelphia in 1821, while under medical treatment. Letters from him to Washington, Jefferson, and Monroe, will be found in the Manuscripts Department of the Library of Congress. [See my paper in the *Maryland Historical Magazine,* II., 3, Sept., 1907.] His son, John Mercer (VI. 2), was educated at St. John's College, Annapolis, and having received from President Monroe a commission as major, he accompanied General Scott to Europe upon an inspection of military fortifications. [See my above-mentioned paper, *ad fin.*]

Issue of JOHN MERCER, of "Marlborough," and his *second* wife, Ann Roy, continued:

V. 16. Anna, b. Sept. 9, 1760 (see below).
17. Maria, b. Dec. 14, 1761 (see below).
18. Robert, b. Dec. 21, 1764 (see below).
19. Mary Elinor Beatrix, b. Jan. 20, 1767, d. May —, 1768.

V. 16. Anna, m. Nov. —, 1785, Benjamin Harrison, Jr., son of Benjamin Harrison, signer of the Declaration of Independence; issue:

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VI. 1. Benjamin Harrison, b. Aug. 20, 1787, son of Benjamin Harrison, Jr., and V. 16 Anna Mercer (daughter of John Mercer, of "Marlborough," and Ann Roy), m. *first,* ——— Nelson, and had issue:

VII. 1. Mary, who m. Rev. Francis Howe McGuire; issue:

VIII. 1. William Henry, living in Halifax County, Va., m. and has issue.

2. Lucy, living at Milwood, Va., unm.

3. Benjamin Harrison, b. 1844, d. 1863, July 1, killed at Gettysburg.

4. Francis H., b. ———, d. ———, m. Helen Nolting; issue:

IX. 1. Susie.

VIII. 5. J. Edward, living at Millwood, Va., unm.

VI. 1. Benjamin Harrison, m., *second,* Mary Willing Page; issue:

VII. 1. Lucy, b. ———, d. unm. Jan. 15, 1885, at Millwood.

2. Henry, b. Oct. 14, 1821, d. Oct. 4, 1887, m. Frances Tabb Burwell, Feb. —, 1846; issue:

VIII. 1. Henry Huntingdon, b. May 12, 1848 (living at Black Point, Fla., see below).

2. George B., b. Dec. 28, 1849, living at Boyce, Va., unm.

3. Maria Hosmanden, b. April 18, 1851, d. Dec. 28, 1905 (see below).

4. Isabella, b. Feb. 13, 1853, d. Dec. 12, 1861.

5. Agnes Mercer, b. Jan. 17, 1864, living in Washington, D. C.

6. and

7. Maria and Anna Mercer, d. young.

VII. 3. Benjamin (M. D.), b. Feb. 18, 1824, m. Feb. 4, 1858, Mattie Cary Page, d. May 11, 1898; issue:

VIII. 1. Benjamin, Jr. (M. D.), b. May 27, 1859, d. Dec. 10, 1900, unm.

2. Mary Cary, b. ———, m. A. B. Bevan, d. ———, 190—; no issue.

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3. Gwyn Page (M. D.), b. ———, m. Phoebe Westwater, 1908; issue:

IX. 1. One young son.

VIII. 1. Henry Huntingdon (of Black Point, Fla.), m. Margaret B. Page; issue:

IX. 1. William Byrd Page (Rev).

2. Samuel Davis.

3. Edith, b. ———, m. A. Merritt Taylor, Philadelphia; issue:

X. 1. Harrison Merritt.

2. Joseph Clifford.

IX. 4. Isabel, m. Dr. R. C. Randolph; issue:

X. 1. Margaret Page.

VIII. 3. Maria Hosmanden (see above), m. Oct. 29, 1874, Dr. Philip Burwell; issue:

IX. 1. Nathaniel (M. D.) of Shepherdstown, W. Va.), m. Loraine Turner, ———, 1909.

2. Frances Harrison.

3. Dorabel.

4. George H.

5. Margaret B. P.

V. 17. Maria, m. Jan. 6, 1785, Richard Brooke, of "Mantapike," King and Queen Co., Va.; issue:

VI. 1. George Mercer (Maj-Gen. U. S. A.), b. Oct. 16, 1785, d. March 9, 1851, at San Antonio, Texas, m. Nov. 2, 1819, in Boston, Lucy Thomas, of Duxbury, Mass., b. Dec. 26, 1804, d. April 30, 1839; issue:

VII. 1. Anna Maria Calava, b. 1820, d. 1828.

2. Richard Henry, b. 1822, d. 1822.

3. George Mercer, b. 1824, d. 1828.

4. John Mercer, b. Dec. 18, 1826, d. Dec. 14, 1906, m. *first*, Maria Elizabeth Selden Garnett, daughter of William Garnett and Anna Maria Brooke [see MERCER-GARNETT *Genealogy*, IV., 9, *ante*, and Appleton's *Biographical Dictionary*]; issue:

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VIII. 1. Louisa.
2. Lucy.
3. Anna Maria, b. Dec. 12, 1856, d. Oct. 2, 1885.

VII. 4. John Mercer Brooke, m. *second*, Mrs. Kate (Corbin) Pendleton (widow of Lieut-Col. A. S. Pendleton), b. July 19, 1839, m. March 14, 1871, in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, Va. (see *Who's Who in America*); issue:

VIII. 1. George Mercer (captain, 1910), b. May 17, 1875, m. June 17, 1909, Isabel Tilton.
2. Rosa Johnston, b. Oct. 29, 1876, m. Dec. 28, 1903, Henry Parker Willis; issue:

IX. 1. Katherine Corbin, b. Aug. 14, 1905.
2. Henry Parker Brooke, b. July 19, 1907.
3. John Mercer Brooke, b. July 17, 1909.

VIII. 3. Richard Corbin, b. Aug. 27, 1878, d. Nov. 13, 1878.

VII. 5. William Neverson, b. 1831, d. 1867 (?), unm.
6. Muscoe Garnett, b. 1833, d. 1834.
7. Hunter, b. 1835, d. 1835.
8. Charles Fenton, b. 1837, d. 1840.

VI. 1. *George Mercer Brooke,* Major-General U. S. A., entered U. S. Army May 3, 1808, as first lieutenant of Fifth Infantry; promoted captain May 1, 1810; major Twenty-third Infantry, 1814; lieutenant-colonel Fourth Infantry, March, 1819; colonel Fifth Infantry, July, 1831. His brevets of lieutenant-colonel, Aug. 15, and colonel, Sept. 17, 1814, were received for gallant conduct in the siege of Fort Erie. He was made brevet brigadier-general Sept. 17, 1824, and brevet major-general May 30, 1848. He is buried in San Antonio, Texas. His son,

VII. 4. *John Mercer Brooke,* was lieutenant U. S. N., and was distinguished for his invention of an instrument for deep-sea soundings. He resigned in 1861, and became commander and captain C. S.

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N., and chief of the Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography. Here he was noted for his plan of reinforcing the breeches of naval guns with a heavy iron band, hence known as "Brooke" guns, and extensively used in river and sea-coast fortifications. He devised the method of sheathing the old U. S. frigate "Merrimac" (C. S. steamer "Virginia"), with iron, which enabled her to withstand successfully the assaults of the "Monitor" in the battle of Hampton Roads, March 9, 1862, and force her into shoal water. After the war he was for many years professor in the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va., until his retirement. He died Dec. 14, 1906. (See his pamphlet on the "Merrimac," and *Who's Who in America.*)

VI. 2. Anna Maria, daughter of Richard Brooke and Maria Mercer, b. May 15, 1787, d. May 8, 1854, m. June 4, 1807, William Garnett. [For issue see *ante,* MERCER-GARNETT *Family.*]

3. Louisa Fenton, b. Oct. 1, 1789, d. March 5, 1790.
4. Henrietta Selden, b. Feb. 13, 1791.
5. Mary E. Fenton, b. Oct. 16, 1793, d. Dec. 29, 1815.
6. John.
7. William.
8. Elizabeth Selden, b. ———, d. ———, m. ———, Dr. Richard Ludlow; issue:

VII. 1. Mary Elizabeth, b. Sept. 15, 1823, d. Oct. 30, 1907, in Milan, Italy; m. *first,* May 3, 1848, Henry Selden (M. D.), who died ———, 1855; issue:

VIII. 1. Elizabeth Brooke, b. March 16, 1849, died in infancy.
2. Henry, b. March 11, 1852, died in infancy.
3. Alfred Gray, b. May 21, 1853, died in infancy.

Married *second,* about 1867, Dr. William H.

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(Baron) Zollikofer, of Baltimore, Md., who d. 1881; no issue. Dr. Zollikofer was an Austrian baron of Altenklingen, near Lake Constance.

VII. 2. John R., b. July 23, 1827, d. Feb. 9, 1896; m. *first*, Maria Jameson; *second*, Aug., 1895, Drury Conway; no issue.

VI. 9. Robert.

V. 18. Robert Mercer (*ante*), m. March 22, 1792, Mildred Ann Byrd Carter, daughter of Landon Carter, of "Cleves," King George Co., Va.; issue:

VI. 1. James, b. Dec. —, 1792.

2. Landon.

3. Cary Selden; all died without issue.

Mrs. Robert Mercer m. *second*, ——— Willis.

VI. 2. John Mercer, son of V. 15 John Francis Mercer, m. Mary Scott Swann, June 15, 1818; she was b. Aug. 25, 1797, d. April 17, 1864, and was daughter of Thomas Swann, of Alexandria, Va., and sister of Gov. Thomas Swann, of Maryland. (See my sketch of *John Francis Mercer, ad fin.*); issue:

VII. 1. John Francis, b. March 15, 1819, at Alexandria, Va., d. Oct. 3, 1840.

2. Thomas Swann (M. D.), b. March 5, 1821, at Alexandria, Va., d. March —, 1878, m. *first* Oct. 2, 1856, Violetta Lansdale Carroll, daughter of Hon. Wm. Thomas Carroll; issue:

VIII. 1. Carroll, b. Dec. 5, 1857, m. Minnie Tunis, of Norfolk, Va.; issue:

IX. 1. Violetta.

2. Lucy Page.

VIII. 2. John Francis, b. Feb. 1, 1861.

Dr. Thomas Swann Mercer m. *second*, Mrs. Cora Livingston Barnard, of New York; no issue.

VII. 3. Richard Sprigg, b. March 3, 1823, at Alexandria, Va., d. April 18, 1873, m. Oct. 27, 1849, Emily Josephine Coxe, of Philadelphia; issue:

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VIII. 1. Margaret Sprigg, b. Sept. 12, 1851, d. Jan. 19, 1901.
2. John Francis, b. Aug. 31, 1852, d. Nov. 22, 1872.
3. McCall, b. March 21, 1855, d. Aug. 4, 1890, m. May —, 1884, Margaret Sproul, who d. July 1, 1892; issue:
IX. 1. Cornelia Rebecca, b. Sept. —, 1885.
2. Peter McCall, b. Sept. 28, 1888.
3. Charles Craft, b. Aug. —, 1890.
VIII. 4. Ella Halliday, b. Dec. 6, 1859, m. *first*, William B. Peter, June 12, 1878; issue:
IX. 1. Mary, b. Dec. 20, 1879, m. April 25, 1905, Augustus J. Philbin Gallagher; issue:
X. 1. Martha Mercer, b. Sept. 30, 1909.
IX. 2. Emily (Margaret) Mercer, b. Sept. 20, 1880, m. April 27, 1910, M. Leon Marie. Ella Halliday Mercer m. *second*, Dec. 18, 1897, Edwin J. Farber; no issue.
VIII. 5. Richard Sprigg, b. Feb. 17, 1862, m. Mary McConkey, ———, 1889, d. Feb. —, 1908; issue:
IX. 1. Dorothy, b. March 26, 1892.
2. Vivien, b. Jan. 15, 1898.
VIII. 6. Jane Byrd, b. Jan. 11, 1867, d. May 3, 1899, m. Schuyler Hamilton, of New York, d. 1909; issue:
IX. 1. Alexandra Schuyler, b. Jan. 20, 1897.
VII. 4. Jane Byrd, b. Feb. 14, 1825, at "Cedar Park," Md., d. ———, m. Hon. Peter McCall, of Philadelphia, Pa., July 9, 1846; issue:
VIII. Seven children, three living in 1905, as follows:
1. Edith, b. ———, m. John Keating; issue:
IX. Four children, Edith, Elizabeth, Margaret, Peter McCall.
VIII. 2. Gertrude.
3. Jane Byrd, b. ———, m. Radcliffe Whitehead. Four McCall children deceased: Catherine, Cadwalader, John Mercer, Robert.
VII. 5. William Robert, b. March 2, 1827, at "Cedar Park," Md., m. Oct. 11, 1855, Mary Rebecca Chapman,

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daughter of Hon. Henry Chapman, of Doylestown, Pa.; she died ———. (See Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary.*) Issue:

VIII. 1. Henry Chapman, b. June 24, 1856. (See *Who's Who in America.*)

2. Elizabeth (Leila) Lawrence, b. May 13, 1858, m. July 24, 1888, Capt. Herbert von Fiedler-Izarborn, of Austria; issue:

IX. 1. Walpurga Mary Elizabeth, b. Sept. 27, 1893.

VIII. 3. William Robert, Jr., b. May 30, 1862, m. Dec. 15, 1904, Martha Dana, of Boston, Mass.; no issue.

VII. 6. James Monroe, b. April 15, 1829, at Washington, D. C., d. June 22, 1878, m. Feb. 26, 1860, Ella W. Hopkins; issue:

VIII. 1. Samuel Hopkins, b. ———, d. ———.

2. George, b. ———, d. ———.

3. Mary Swann, b. ———, d. Sept. 6, 1904, m. *first*, Sterling Pennington; issue:

IX. 1. Sterling Pennington, Jr., b. about 1900, m. *second*, Charles Harding; no issue.

VIII. 4. Margaret, b. ———, m. Dr. Schapiro, of Vienna, who d. 1909; issue:

IX. 1. Alma.

2. Vera.

VII. 7. George Douglas, b. Sept. 18, 1831, at "Cedar Park," Maryland, m. ———, Helen Bowlin, of Aquasco, Prince George's Co., Md.; no issue.

8. Wilson Cary ("Doc.") b. July 17, 1834, at "Cedar Park," Md., d. ———, unm.

9. Sophia Elizabeth, b. Oct. 16, 1837, at "Cedar Park," Maryland, m. Henry Leveridge Strong; issue:

VIII. 1. Mary Mercer, b. ———, m. Henry Worth; issue:

IX. 1. Sophia.

2. Mary.

VIII. 2. John Hunt, m.

3. John Mercer.

4. James Monroe, ———, m. Blanche Turner.

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VII. 10. Mary Mason, b. March 31, 1840, at "Cedar Park," Maryland, m. Dr. Arthur Brogden; issue:

VIII. 1. Sophia, b. ———, d. ———, 1909, unm.

2. Mary, b. ———, m. Lieut. Frank Pinney, U. S. N., June, 1903.

It has not been possible to obtain all the dates, nor, in some cases, the names, of the descendants of Governor John Francis Mercer, of "Cedar Park," Maryland. The descendants of his elder half-brother, Judge JAMES MERCER, of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, resident in Fredericksburg and Richmond, Virginia, are to be sought in the records of the MERCER-GARNETT family of Essex County, Va. (See *ante.*) I have made diligent effort to complete these genealogies, but have been unable to perfect them. Having at last brought them as near completion as I can, they must go to print in a still incomplete condition; it is either that, or not go to print at all, and I prefer the former. I take pride in some of my ancestors and other relatives, but, as I am now a septuagenarian, I must renounce genealogical labors.

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Page 10, note 6, transpose paragraphs "one" and "two."

Page 18, note 15, line 9, *dele* "in" and read "he."

Page 22, line 6 from bottom, prefix "II." to "I ELIZABETH."

Page 23, line 2, prefix "III." to "I. Muscoe."

Page 28, line 20, add "d. Oct. 9, 1910."

Page 30, line 3 from bottom, read "1836" for "1863."

Page 32, line 16, *dele* ")" after "B. L.," and place ")" after Va.," line 17.

Page 33, line 24, add "d———" after "1872."

Page 35, line 7 from bottom, insert "p. 58" after "Genealogy."

Page 40, line 6 from bottom, insert "(p. 35)" after "Champe."

Page 41, line 6, prefix "no" to "issue," and place period (.) for colon (:) after "issue."

Page 45, line 22, add ")" after "1901."

Page 46, line 12 from bottom, read "Preface" for "Proper."

Page 47, line 4 from bottom, *dele* ")" and "(," leaving but one parenthesis.

Page 48, line 11, read "Perthshire" for "Pertshire."

Page 48, line 7 from bottom, prefix "(" to "See."

Page 49, line 20, read "1808" for "1868."

Page 56, line 4 from bottom, read "Mary" for "Maria," and line 2 from bottom, add "(p. 40)" after "*ante*."

Page 58, line 20, add "p. 35" after "Family."

Page 61, line 12 from bottom, read "Bowling" for "Bowlin."

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